

Immigration Overhaul Passes In Senate



Boehner douses hope House will vote on Senate plan

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., center, speaks following a vote in the Senate on immigration reform on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, June 27, 2013. The Senate passed historic immigration legislation offering the hope of citizenship to millions of immigrants living illegally in America's shadows. The bill will now go to the House where prospects for passage are highly uncertain. McCain is joined by, from left, Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., Sen. Michael Bennet, D-Colo., Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., and Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J.

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WASHINGTON - The Senate on Thursday approved the most significant overhaul of the nation's immigration laws in a generation with broad bipartisan support, sending the bill to the Republican-controlled House, where there is significant opposition from conservative members and where the fight could extend into 2014.

But given the strong 68-32

vote, with 14 Republicans voting in favor, the Democratic leadership and the bipartisan group of eight senators who drafted the original bill seemed determined to savor the moment. Vice President Joe Biden presided over the vote as senators announced their positions from their desks, in a ceremonial procedure reserved for special occasions.

Leading up to the vote, many in the "Gang of Eight" that drafted the framework

of the legislation took to the Senate floor to give impassioned speeches, including Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., who is one of his party's leading Hispanic voices. When Rubio finished, the other senators in the bipartisan group surrounded him on the floor, patting him on the back and offering words of encouragement. "Good job," said one. "I'm proud of you," said another.

During the vote, Rubio buttoned his suit jacket as he

stood and said "aye." Later, as Rubio walked around the Senate floor receiving congratulations, he passed by the pages sitting on the steps just below the podium and called out, "You picked a good day to be here."

The Senate bill provides a 13-year path to citizenship for the 11 million unauthorized immigrants in the country, as well as tough border security provisions that must be in place before the immigrants can

gain legal status.

Though overhauling the nation's immigration system became a priority for many Republicans after the 2012 presidential election, in which the Republican nominee, Mitt Romney, was rejected by Hispanic voters, immigration opponents have mounted last-ditch efforts to derail the bill, which they say would offer amnesty without any real enforcement measures.

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Obama visits slave site of disputed importance

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GOREE ISLAND, Senegal (AP) — Soon after being released from his 27-year incarceration in South Africa, apartheid icon Nelson Mandela made a pilgrimage to this small island off the Senegalese coast. He came to pay homage to a salmon-colored house

Obama. The other is the door facing the open water, the so-called Door of No Return through which the shackled men, women and children left Africa, inching across a plank to the hull of a waiting ship. Like with previous tour groups, the curator planned to ask Obama to stand before

Press. Even though historians have debunked the memorial, calling it a local invention, and despite reams of scholarly articles, treatises and books discussing its dubious historical role, the pink building has become the de facto emblem of slavery. It's the place where world lead-

from Africa were sent to North America, according to a database created by scholars using shipping records and plantation registers. Of these, only 33,000 came from Goree Island, an insignificant portion of the overall total, the database shows. Yet the plaques which grace the stone walls of

slaves exported from Africa overall.

"A lot of people have been taken in by the Goree scam," Curtin wrote. "Though Goree is a picturesque place, it was marginal to the slave trade." The debate over the house's place in history has become emotionally charged and politically treacherous in Senegal, due to the high-profile role the museum plays in attracting tourists to the island, including celebrity visitors like Obama.

Ana Lucia Araujo, a history professor at Howard University whose work deals with the history and memory of the Atlantic slave trade, said that historians have never been able to confirm the claims made by the museum's curator. The very real need for a place where slavery can be remembered, she says, has overridden the objections of scholars.

A map shows that at the time, the edge of the island on which the Slave House was built was surrounded not just by a natural barrier of rocks, which appear as a scribbled band, but also by a rampart, which would have blocked all access for a ship trying to approach the Door of No Return. "If you contest the Slave House, they start throwing rocks at you."

It's not a question of negating our history. ... But we need to understand that this is a symbol. It's not based on fact," he said. That point was likely lost on Obama, who arrived Thursday with his wife and daughter.

He peered out of the Door of No Return. Alone for a brief moment inside the doorway, he stared out across the water, as the waves crashing on the very rocks that would have prevented a ship from docking could be heard.

When he spoke to reporters waiting for him outside, he said visiting the site was a "very powerful moment," which has allowed him to "fully appreciate the magnitude of the slave trade." □



U.S. President Barack Obama stands facing out to see, at the 'Door of No Return,' at the slave house on Goree Island, in Dakar, Senegal, Thursday, June 27, 2013. Obama is calling his visit to a Senegalese island from which Africans were said to have been shipped across the Atlantic Ocean into slavery, a 'very powerful moment.' President Obama was in Dakar Thursday as part of a weeklong trip to Africa, a three-country visit aimed at overcoming disappointment on the continent over the first black U.S. president's lack of personal engagement during his first term.

(AP Photo/Rebecca Blackwell)

which locals claim was used to hold slaves before herding them onto ships bound for America. When the curator showed him a hole underneath the staircase used to punish disobedient slaves, who were left to die in the crawl-space, Mandela himself climbed in.

He re-emerged, his face wet with tears, says Eloi Coly, the museum's chief conservator, who recalled the impact the experience had on Mandela, just hours before showing the building to President Barack Obama, who visited the structure on Thursday. For Coly, Mandela's emotional response underscores the role that this building, known as the House of Slaves, has had on crystallizing the stain that slavery left on humanity.

The hole is one of the features Coly planned to show

the open door and contemplate the view, the slaves' last glimpse of Africa, he claims.

The problem though is that historians say the door faced the ocean so that the inhabitants of the house could chuck their garbage into the water, the preferred means of waste disposal in pre-industrial Senegal. No slaves ever boarded a ship through it, they say, because no vessel could have sailed through the rocky shoal that surrounds that edge of the island.

And while the house may have housed slaves, they were likely those belonging to the family who lived there, rather than slaves intended for the trans-Atlantic passage, according to numerous publications as well as three historians of the slave trade interviewed by The Associated

ers go to acknowledge this dark chapter and in addition to Obama, the museum has hosted former Presidents Bill Clinton and George Bush and Pope John Paul II.

Its guestbook is bursting with the emotional messages from African-Americans who made their own pilgrimage here in an effort to make peace with their ancestors' roots.

"There are literally no historians who believe the Slave House is what they're claiming it to be, or that believe Goree was statistically significant in terms of the slave trade," says historian Ralph Austen, a professor emeritus at the University of Chicago who is the author of several articles on the issue. "The debate for us is how loudly should we denounce it?"

From 1501 to 1866, an estimated 12 million slaves

the Slave House speak of the "millions" of slaves that passed through its halls.

In the 1990s, Philip Curtin, an emeritus professor of history at Johns Hopkins University and the author of two dozen books on the Atlantic slave trade, became one of the first scholars to question the authenticity of the Slave House. In a discussion on an online forum for historians, he said he believed the "hoax" was perpetrated by the charismatic Joseph Ndiaye, who preceded Coly as the museum's curator, and who ushered generations of visitors through the house, recounting the alleged horrors perpetrated there with theatrical pomp.

Ndiaye initially claimed that 20 million had passed through the house, upping it to 40 million by the time Curtin visited in 1992, four times the total figure of

Feds: Boston suspect downloaded bomb instructions

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BOSTON (AP) — Boston Marathon suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev downloaded bomb-making instructions from an al-Qaida magazine, gathered on-

public explanations to date of the brothers' alleged motive — Islamic extremism — and the role the Internet may have played in influencing them.

Three people were killed and more than 260 wounded by the two pressure-

cooker bombs that went off near the finish line of the marathon on April 15.

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was captured four days later, hiding in a boat parked in a backyard.

According to the indictment, he scrawled mes-

sages on the inside of the vessel that said, among other things, "The U.S. Government is killing our innocent civilians," "I can't stand to see such evil go unpunished," and "We Muslims are one body, you hurt one you hurt us all."

The Tsarnaev brothers had roots in the turbulent Russian regions of Dagestan and Chechnya, which have become recruiting grounds for Muslim extremists.

They had been living in the U.S. about a decade.

But the indictment made no mention of any larger conspiracy beyond the brothers, and no reference to any direct overseas contacts with extremists. Instead, the indictment suggests the Internet played an important role in the suspects' radicalization.

Before the attack, according to the indictment, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev downloaded onto his computer the summer 2010 issue of Inspire, an online English-language magazine pub-

lished by al-Qaida. The issue detailed how to make bombs from pressure cookers, explosive powder extracted from fireworks, and lethal shrapnel.

He also downloaded extremist Muslim literature, including "Defense of the Muslim Lands, the First Obligation After Imam," which advocates "violence designed to terrorize the perceived enemies of Islam," the indictment said.

Another tract downloaded included a foreword by Anwar al-Awlaki, an American propagandist for al-Qaida who was killed in a U.S. drone strike in 2011.

U.S. Attorney Carmen Ortiz of Massachusetts said Attorney General Eric Holder will decide whether to pursue the death penalty against Tsarnaev, who will be arraigned on July 10.

The indictment assembled and confirmed details of the case that have been widely reported over the past two months, and added new pieces of information. □



Boston Police Commissioner Ed Davis speaks during a news conference where a 30-count indictment was announced against Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, Thursday, June 27, 2013, in Boston. Standing at right is U.S. Attorney Carmen M. Ortiz.

(AP Photo/Bill Sikes)

line material on Islamic jihad and martyrdom, and later scrawled anti-American messages inside the boat where he lay wounded, a federal indictment charged Thursday.

The 30-count indictment contains the bombing charges, punishable by the death penalty, that were brought in April against the 19-year-old Tsarnaev, including use of a weapon of mass destruction to kill. It also contains many new charges covering the slaying of an MIT police officer and the carjacking of a motorist during the getaway attempt that left Tsarnaev's older brother, Tamerlan, dead.

"Tamerlan Tsarnaev's justice will be in the next world, but for his brother, accountability will begin right here in the district of Massachusetts," District Attorney Daniel Conley, whose jurisdiction includes Boston, said at a news conference with federal prosecutors.

The indictment provides one of the most detailed

Boehner douses hope House will vote on Senate plan

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As the bill heads to the House, Republican elites and their well-financed pro-immigration groups are running up against opposition from the chamber's most conservative members. House Speaker John A. Boehner threw cold water on any hope that the House would vote on the Senate plan, and he insisted that whatever immigration measure his chamber took up would have to be supported by a majority of his Republican conference.

"I issued a statement that I thought was pretty clear, but apparently some haven't gotten the message: The House is not going to take up and vote on whatever the Senate passes," he said Thursday morning. "We're going to do our own bill."

The legislation - drafted largely behind closed doors by the bipartisan group - brought together

an unlikely coalition of Democrats and Republicans, business groups and labor unions, farmworkers and growers, and Latino, gay rights, and immigration advocates. Along the way, the legislation was shaped

Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y. and an author of the bill, found himself on the phone with Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey, trying to shore up support. In a 30-minute phone call, according to an aide, Schumer urged



Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., left, and Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., right, two of the authors of the immigration reform bill crafted by the Senate's bipartisan "Gang of Eight," shakes hands on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, June 27, 2013, prior to the final vote. The historic legislation would dramatically remake the U.S. immigration system and require a tough new focus on border security.

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

and tweaked by a series of backroom deals and negotiations that, in many ways, seemed to mirror its inception.

Even late Wednesday, Sen.

Christie to help persuade Sen. Jeffrey S. Chiesa, R-N.J. - newly appointed by Christie - to vote for the bill. (Chiesa was one of 14 Republicans who voted "yes"

on Thursday afternoon to end debate.)

The bill's largest, and perhaps most critical, change came in the form of a border security package that promised to substantially bolster security along the nation's southern border. The proposal, by Republican Sens. Bob Corker of Tennessee and John Hoeven of North Dakota, will devote roughly \$40 billion during the next decade to border enforcement measures, including adding 20,000 new border patrol agents and 700 miles of fencing along the southern border.

The amendment, which passed Wednesday with broad bipartisan support, helped bring along more than a dozen reluctant Republicans, who were hesitant to support the overall bill without assurances without a clear plan to also secure the southern border, in order to ward off a future wave of illegal immigration. □

US Spy program gathered Americans' Internet records

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration gathered U.S. citizens' Internet data until 2011, continuing a spying program started under President George W. Bush that revealed whom Americans exchanged emails with and the Internet Protocol address of their computer, documents disclosed Thursday show.

The National Security Agency ended the program that collected email logs and timing, but not content, in 2011 because it decided it didn't effectively stop terrorist plots, according to the NSA's director, Gen. Keith Alexander, who also heads the U.S. Cyber Command. He said all data was purged in 2011.

Britain's Guardian newspaper on Thursday released documents detailing the collection, though the pro-

gram was also described earlier this month by The Washington Post.

The latest revelation follows previous leaks from ex-NSA contractor Edward Snowden, who is presumed

being charged with violating American espionage laws.

The collection appears similar to the gathering of U.S. phone records, and seems to overlap with the



US government photo shows an aerial view of the National Security Agency (NSA) in Fort Meade, Md.
(AP Photo/US Government)

hiding at a Moscow airport transit area, waiting to hear whether Ecuador, Iceland or another country might grant him asylum. He fled Hong Kong over the weekend and flew to Russia after

Prism surveillance program of foreigners on U.S. Internet servers, both revealed by Snowden. U.S. officials have said the phone records can only be checked for numbers dialed by a ter-

rorist suspect overseas. According to the documents published by The Guardian on Thursday, the Internet records show whom they exchanged emails with and the specific numeric address assigned to a computer connected to the Internet, known as the IP, or Internet Protocol, address.

The program, described in a top secret draft report from the NSA inspector general, described the efforts of then-NSA Director Gen. Mike Hayden to fill gaps in intelligence gathering after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

One NSA officer quoted in the report described "NSA standing at the U.S. border looking outward for foreign threats" and "the FBI looking within the United States for domestic

threats. The draft added that the sweeping phone and Internet data-gathering programs were meant to speed up the process of surveillance of a terrorist suspect overseas, because "the average wait time was between four and six weeks" to get a court order from the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court.

"Terrorists could have changed their telephone numbers or Internet addresses" before the NSA received permission to spy on them on U.S.-based phone or Internet systems. Alexander said at a Baltimore conference on cybersecurity that the NSA decided to kill the Internet data gathering program because "it wasn't meeting what we needed and we thought we could better protect civil liberties and privacy by doing away with it." □

Microsoft wants to disclose security data on FISA orders

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Microsoft has asked a court to let it disclose data on national security orders the company has received under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.

Microsoft made the request in a motion filed June 19 with the secretive Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court and unsealed this week.

The company's action comes after Google filed a similar motion asking permission to disclose the number of data requests that come from secret orders approved by the court. Both companies argued that they should be allowed to do so under the First Amendment.

Google and Microsoft were among several U.S. Internet companies identified as giving the National Security Agency access to customer data under the program known as PRISM. Microsoft says it wants to correct misimpressions about what it provides to the government.

Revelations about the pro-


gram by former NSA contractor Ed Snowden have prompted a broader debate about government monitoring and the privacy of Americans' communications.

In its motion, Microsoft said has sought to correct the misimpression "that it provides the United States government with direct access to its servers and network infrastructure and, thereby, indiscriminately discloses Microsoft users' information to the government."

The company said it had gotten permission from the FBI and the Justice Department to publish aggregate data that includes FISA orders along with law enforcement requests from all other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

But Microsoft says it wants to be able to report the FISA orders separately, which it has not received permission to do.

Microsoft said that national security laws do not prohibit it from disclosing the data, and if the laws did, that would violate the First Amendment. □




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Friend: Trayvon Martin encounter racially charged

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SANFORD, Florida (AP) — A friend of a black teenager shot to death by a neighborhood watch volunteer testified Thursday that she thought the encounter was racially charged. Rachel Jeantel testified for

the second day in a row in the trial of George Zimmerman — accused of killing 17-year-old Trayvon Martin — saying she thought race was an issue because the victim told her he was being followed by a white man. “He was being followed,” Jeantel said. Her answer came in re-

sponse to questioning from defense attorney Don West about why she had given differing accounts about what she had heard over the phone when Martin first encountered Zimmerman on a rainy night on Feb. 26, 2012, at the Retreat at Twin Lakes townhome complex. The case sparked national

protests after police failed to charge Zimmerman until 44 days after the killing and the case has prompted a discussion in the U.S. about race and self-defense laws. West suggested in his cross-examination that 18-year-old Jeantel had raised the racial issue in some accounts but not others. In some accounts, West implied, Jeantel said Zimmerman responded one way when he first encountered Martin, but in other accounts she said he responded another way. Jeantel gave her version of events in a deposition, in a letter to Martin’s mother and in a recorded interview with an attorney for the Martin family.

Jeantel is one of the prosecution’s most important

witnesses because she bolsters the contention that Zimmerman was the aggressor. She was on the phone with Martin moments before he was fatally shot. Jeantel recounted to jurors on Wednesday how Martin told her he was being followed by a man as he walked through the Retreat at Twin Lakes townhome complex on his way back from a convenience store to the home of his father’s fiancée.

She testified that Martin described the man following him as “a creepy,” — adding a slur for white people — and that he thought he had evaded him. But she said Martin told her a short time later the man was still behind him, and she told him to run. □



Witness Rachel Jeantel, left, continues her testimony to defense attorney Don West on day 14 of George Zimmerman’s trial in Seminole circuit court in Sanford, Fla. Thursday, June 27, 2013. Zimmerman has been charged with second-degree murder for the 2012 shooting death of Trayvon Martin.

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Justices send voting cases back to Texas

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WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Thursday sent two voting-rights cases back to a three-judge federal panel in Texas, leaving the future of the state’s redistricting and voter ID laws in flux.

Both laws had previously been rejected by district courts because of the pre-clearance provision in the 1965 Voting Rights Act, but those rulings were voided after the Supreme Court struck down a major portion of the act Tuesday. Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott said Thursday that the voter ID law and the state’s redistricting maps are back in play, reiterating his and Secretary of State John Steen’s statements immediately after the voting-rights decision Tuesday.

He said in a statement the laws “will not need to go

through the lengthy and costly federal pre-clearance process because of Tuesday’s ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court.”

An order signed Thursday by U.S. District Court Judge Orlando Garcia in San called for a status conference on both cases July 1. The court asked both plaintiffs and defendants to answer if previously filed challenges had been rendered

moot.

The court document also asked the parties to consider “prospective challenges to the 2013 plans” under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act — which was left in tact by Tuesday’s ruling. But legal experts remain divided on what the Supreme Court’s rulings mean for the laws, and it could be weeks before the district courts weigh in. □



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Agriculture Department:

New rules aim to rid US schools of junk foods

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

High-calorie sports drinks and candy bars will be removed from vending machines and cafeteria lines at all U.S. schools as soon as next year, replaced with diet drinks, granola bars and other healthier items. The Agriculture Department said Thursday that for the first time it will make sure that all foods sold in the nation's 100,000 schools are healthier by expanding fat, calorie, sugar and sodium limits to almost everything sold during the school day.

The rules, required under a child nutrition law passed by Congress in 2010, are part of the government's effort to combat childhood obesity. The rules have the potential to transform what many children eat at school.

The regulations apply to snacks sold around the school and foods on the "a la carte" line in cafeterias, which never have been regulated before. The new rules, proposed in February and made final this week, also would allow states to regulate student bake sales.

While some schools already have made improvements in their lunch menus and vending machine choices, others still are selling high-fat, high-calorie foods.

Standards put into place at the beginning of the 2012 school year already regulate the nutritional content of free and low-cost school breakfasts and lunches that are subsidized by the federal government. However most lunchrooms also have the "a la carte" lines that sell other foods — often greasy foods like mozzarella sticks and nachos. Under the rules, those lines could offer healthier pizzas, low-fat hamburgers, fruit cups or yogurt, among other foods that meet the standards.

One of the biggest chang-

es under the rules will be a near-ban on high-calorie sports drinks, which many beverage companies added to school vending machines to replace high-calorie sodas that they pulled in response to criticism from the public health community. The rule would only allow sales in high schools of sodas and sports drinks that contain 60 calories or less in a 12-ounce (0.35 liters) serving, banning the highest-calorie versions of those beverages.

Many companies already have developed low-calorie sports drinks — Gato-

rade's G2, for example — and many diet teas and diet sodas are also available for sale.

Elementary and middle schools could sell only water, carbonated water, 100 percent fruit or vegetable juice, and low fat and fat-free milk, including nonfat flavored milks.

First lady Michelle Obama, an advocate for healthy eating and efforts to reduce childhood obesity, pointed out that many working parents don't have control over what their kids eat when they're not at home. □



US school children explore healthy items available in their school cafeteria.

(Handout Photo)

Online pharmacy crackdown shutters 1,677 websites

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Associated Press

U.S. and international regulators have seized more than \$41 million in illegal medicines worldwide and shut down 1,677 websites as part of their ongoing fight against counterfeit drugs sold over the Internet. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration said Thursday it used federal court warrants to seize website domain names and post messages letting visitors know that people who traffic in counterfeit drugs may face severe penalties under federal law. The message

also offers a link to a site — www.fda.gov/BeSafeRx — that explains the risks of fake online pharmacies.

Experts say the Internet is filled with illegitimate, professional-looking sites that peddle drugs. The FDA launched a campaign last fall to warn consumers that the vast majority of online pharmacies do not follow laws or pharmacy industry standards and their products could harm or even kill. The move the agency announced Thursday took place as part of Operation Pangea VI, a week-long crackdown organized

by the international police agency Interpol that ended Sunday.

Investigators visited the websites and used undercover IDs to order the drugs. They received counterfeit drugs that were not approved by the FDA. Some arrived with no directions for use and in strengths and quantities not available in the United States. Some also had different ingredients than the real drugs, which can be very dangerous to the patients taking them. "You essentially have no idea what it is that you would be buying and what

you would be taking," said John Roth, director of the FDA's Office of Criminal Investigation.

Illegal medicines found online include the diabetes treatment Avandaryl. They also include versions of the impotence drugs Levitra and Viagra called "Levitra Super Force" and "Viagra Super Force" that are not approved by the FDA.

Online sales of those erectile dysfunction treatments can be especially enticing to patients who may be too embarrassed to visit a drugstore to buy the drug in person. □

George: No sign liberals similarly targeted by IRS

WASHINGTON (AP) —

A government inspector who detailed the U.S. federal tax agency's tough treatment of conservative groups says he has no evidence that liberal groups were similarly targeted, according to a letter obtained by The Associated Press on Thursday.

Russell George, the inspector general for tax administration, addressed the letter to a top Democratic lawmaker who has complained that George unfairly focused on tea party and other conservative groups in a report released last month, while omitting mention of liberals.

George's report became a major scandal for the Obama administration and led to the removal of at least five top officials at the Internal Revenue Service, including former acting Commissioner Steven Miller. It revealed that the IRS targeted conservative groups for extra scrutiny when they applied for tax-exempt status.

Democrats seem determined to shift the focus to this week's disclosure that "Progressive" was also on a list of terms used by IRS screeners from 2010 to 2012 to look for applicants with potential problems that would merit close scrutiny.

In a letter obtained Thursday by The Associated Press, George acknowledged that "Progressives" appeared on the list. But he said there was no evidence the IRS set aside progressive groups' applications for tax-exempt status because they appeared on that list.

George said his investigators have "multiple sources of information corroborating," including interviews with IRS employees, emails and other documents, that tea party groups' applications were set aside for close examinations.

But he added, "We found no indication in any of these other materials that 'Progressives' was a term used to refer cases for scrutiny for political campaign intervention." □



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US Financial Front:

Federal Reserve officials seek to calm financial markets

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WASHINGTON (AP)

Federal Reserve officials sought Thursday to calm investors by assuring them the U.S. central bank won't start trimming its bond purchases until the country's economy has strengthened. They said any pull-back in the Fed's stimulus will hinge on the economy's performance, not a calendar date.

The Fed is buying \$85 billion a month in bonds to try to keep long-term interest rates low to spur borrowing and spending. Chairman Ben Bernanke jolted investors last week when he said the Fed will likely slow its bond buying this year if the economy continues to improve.

William Dudley, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, said that if the economy proves weaker than the Fed forecasts, he expects the bond purchases to continue.

The Fed's timetable for its bond purchases depends on its outlook for the job market and the economy, Dudley stressed at a news conference.

"If labor market conditions and the economy's growth momentum were to be less favorable," he said, "I would expect that the asset purchases would continue at a higher pace for longer."

Jerome Powell, a member of the Fed's board in Washington, said investors appear to have incorrectly concluded that the Fed will taper its purchases soon.

"The path of rates will ultimately depend on the path of the economy," Powell said in an appearance at the Bipartisan Policy Center, a Washington think tank. "I want to emphasize the importance of data over date."

The market turbulence began with comments Bernanke made in congressional testimony in May. They intensified with his remarks last week after the Fed ended a two-day policy meeting.

Bernanke said that if the economy improves as much as the Fed is forecasting, it expects to slow its bond purchases later this year. And he said the bond purchases would likely end around the middle of next



William Dudley, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and other Fed officials sought Thursday, June 27, 2013, to calm investors by assuring them the Fed won't start trimming its bond purchases until the economy has strengthened. Dudley said that if the economy proves weaker than the Fed forecasts, he expects the bond purchases to continue.

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

year, when the Fed thinks the unemployment rate, now 7.6 percent, will be around 7 percent.

Analysts say Bernanke used the 7 percent target to try to help investors gauge

whether the economy is improving enough for the Fed to scale back its bond purchases.

Economists have said the earliest the Fed will start reducing bond purchases is

at its September meeting. But some say the U.S. economy may not be strong enough for the Fed to slow its bond purchases before December and possibly not until next year. □

Nissan adds 900 jobs to make Rogue at US plant

ERIK SCHELZIG

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)

— Nissan is adding 900 jobs to start making the Rogue crossover SUV at its Tennessee plant. The jobs announced Thursday are in addition to 800 positions added at the Smyrna plant last year, and will bring total employment at the suburban Nashville facility to more than 7,000. Hiring is already underway. Rogue production is scheduled to

begin this fall. Building the Rogue in the United States for the first time is part of the Japanese automaker's plan to have 85 percent of vehicles sold in the U.S. produced in North America. This month marks the 30th anniversary of Nissan producing vehicles in the U.S. The Smyrna plant built its first pickup truck in June 1983. The plant also makes Nissan's most popular car, the midsize Altima sedan, among other models. □



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EU leaders win breakthrough EU budget deal

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Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — European Union leaders reached an outline deal Friday on the 27-country bloc's 960 billion euro (\$1.3 trillion) seven-year budget, overcoming British objections to sign off on the agreement. British Prime Minister David Cameron had held out for better financial conditions, overshadowing a summit called to approve plans to deal with the continent's youth unemployment problems. However, in the end, all 27 nations backed the budget deal. EU President Herman Van Rompuy said "it is a quite clear 'yes'," when it came to unanimous backing of the 2014-2020 spending plan. The outline, which includes the first spending cuts in the bloc's history, still requires approval from the EU parliament and the individual member states. But it marked a breakthrough after months of infighting over a package that would hand the recession-hit 27-nation area a proper



French President Francois Hollande, right, speaks with British Prime Minister David Cameron during a round table meeting at an EU summit in Brussels on Thursday, June 27, 2013. European Union leaders meet in Brussels ostensibly to agree on ways to find more jobs for the young, who've been disproportionately punished by years of crisis and recession.

(AP Photo/Yves Logghe)

and farming subsidies to development aid and employment measures.

European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso announced the tentative agreement Thursday after talks with lawmakers and officials representing the EU member states.

"This is a good deal for Europe, this is a good deal for European citizens, this is a good deal for the European economy," he said.

European Parliament President Martin Schulz called the deal "acceptable" and said he's "optimistic" that a majority of lawmakers will back it at a vote next week.

But he too, was surprised by Cameron's reluctance to back the deal.

"You know David Cameron as well as I do. He is a gentleman who has a certain view of the European budget and so you cannot assume anything. You cannot exclude anything happening," Schulz said.

Thursday's deal came only a few hours before the 27 nations' heads of state and government were to hold a summit in Brussels to promote, among other initiatives, policies to fight

the bloc's rampant youth unemployment. Without a multi-annual budget in place, these employment schemes could not have been implemented.

If the EU were to fail to reach an agreement on the seven-year deal before the end of the year, the bloc would have to revert to annual budgets which would make long-term planning difficult and make some spending impossible for programs stretching over several years.

The blueprint for the 2014-2020 budget includes the bloc's first ever spending cuts, as many of the bloc's countries are in recession and struggling to reduce their own national debt.

Separate from national spending — and much smaller than EU national budgets — the EU budget is designed in part to balance out the economic development of its members by injecting funding into poorer countries. The EU has funded thousands of infrastructure and capital projects over the years, from the installation of broadband networks to the upgrade of road networks. □

budget to finance everything from infrastructure

Russia subs military with civilians at Syrian base

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Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia has withdrawn all military personnel from its naval base in Syria and replaced them with civilian workers, the Defense Ministry said Thursday.

The ministry did not say when the switch at the base at Tartus took place or how many personnel were deployed there. The minor facility is Russia's only naval outpost outside the former Soviet Union. It consists of several barracks and depots used to service Russian navy ships in the Mediterranean.

The ministry statement said that Tartus has continued to service the Russian navy ships. "They are continuing to work in a regular mode, and there is no talk about their evacuation from Tartus," the statement said.

"Tartus remains the official base and repair facility for the Russian ships in the Mediterranean and is continuing to fulfill its mission."

The ministry didn't explain why it was replacing military personnel with civilians, but the move could be part of efforts by Moscow to pose as an objective mediator trying to broker Syria peace talks. Moscow, however, also has an unknown number of military advisers in Syria who help its military operate and maintain Soviet- and Russian-built weapons that make up the core of its arsenals.

Russia has been the main ally of Syrian President Bashar Assad, shielding his regime from the U.N. Security Council's sanctions and continuing to provide it with weapons despite the two-year civil war that has killed more than 93,000 Syr-

ians, according to the U.N. estimates.

The ministry's statement followed reports Wednesday in the Al Hayat newspaper and Russia's business daily Vedomosti, which claimed that Moscow had withdrawn all of its military and civilian personnel from Tartus along with all military advisers.

In Washington, U.S. State Department spokesman Patrick Ventrell refused conjecture about the Russian move, but pointed at the "deteriorating security situation."

"I just can't speculate if that's their reasoning," he added. Russia announced earlier this month that it will keep a fleet of about dozen navy ships in the Mediterranean, a move seen as an attempt to project power and protect its interests in the region. □



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Jordan:

Kerry plunges back into Mideast peace diplomacy

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Associated Press

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Secretary of State John Kerry plunged back into the decades-long Israeli-Palestinian conflict on Thursday, using Jordan as a base for talks with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

In his fifth visit to the region to try to restart peace talks, Kerry held a four-hour dinner meeting with Netanyahu that stretched into Friday morning. He was to have lunch with Abbas on Friday in Amman, and more meetings could be in the offing.

Kerry left Amman on Thursday evening in a convoy of nearly a dozen vehicles for the roughly 90-minute drive to Jerusalem. A Jordanian military helicopter flew over his convoy during the trip, according to a reporter who was allowed to make the trip with Kerry and his delegation.

Netanyahu was about an hour late, apparently telling Kerry that he was delayed because he had been attending a graduation ceremony for Israeli military pilots. They started talking around 9:30 p.m. local time in a suite at a hotel in Jerusalem and ended their discussion around 1:30 a.m. Friday.

There were no immediate readouts of the discussion from Israeli or U.S. officials. U.S. State department officials say that while there are no scheduled plans for any three-way discussion during Kerry's trip, they are confident that both sides are open to negotiations, or at least sitting down together at the same table

to restart talks that broke down in 2008.

Kerry, they say, will continue to try to find common ground between the two sides that would lead to a re-launching of peace talks. On this trip, Kerry is trying to pin down precise-

sequences if no deal is reached.

"Think about what could happen next door," he told the Jewish audience. "The Palestinian Authority has committed itself to a policy of nonviolence. ... Up until recently, not one

Israeli died from anything that happened from the West Bank until there was a settler killed about a month ago.

"But if that experiment is allowed to fail, ask yourselves: What will replace it? What will happen if the

Palestinian economy implodes, if the Palestinian Security Forces dissolve, if the Palestinian Authority fails? ... The failure of the moderate Palestinian leadership could very well invite the rise of the very thing that we want to avoid: the same extremism in the West Bank that we have seen in Gaza or from southern Lebanon."

Abbas has said he won't negotiate unless Israel stops building settlements on war-won lands or accepts its 1967 lines — before the capture of the West Bank, Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem in a Mideast war that year — as a starting point for border talks. The Palestinians claim all three areas for their future state.

Netanyahu has rejected the Palestinian demands, saying there should be no pre-conditions — though his predecessor conducted talks on the basis of the pre-1967 lines, and the international community views the settlements as illegal or illegitimate. □



U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry meets with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, right, in Jerusalem on Thursday, June 27, 2013. Kerry is in Israel for the fifth time to make further efforts to resume peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians.

(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

ly what conditions Abbas and Netanyahu have for restarting talks and perhaps discuss confidence-building measures.

Beyond that, Kerry wants to talk about the positive outcomes, such as enhanced economic growth, of a two-state solution. But at the same time, the secretary, who has long-time relationships with officials from both sides, will remind them of what's at stake if the conflict is left unresolved, they said.

Earlier this month, in a speech to the American Jewish Committee Global Forum in Washington, Kerry warned of serious con-

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Egypt's opposition criticizes president Morsi's speech



Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi delivers a speech, in Cairo, Egypt. Morsi told his opponents to use elections not protests to try to change the government and said the military should focus on its role as the nation's defenders in a nationally televised address on Wednesday, days before the opposition plans massive street rallies aimed at removing him from office.

(AP Photo/Egyptian Presidency)

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Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt's main opposition coalition on Thursday rejected the Islamist president's offer for

dialogue on reconciliation and said it insists on holding early elections, ratcheting up pressure on Mohamed Morsi just days ahead of planned mass protests

seeking his ouster. Adding to an already explosive political atmosphere in Egypt, authorities issued a travel ban on a media tycoon and an

arrest warrant for a popular TV presenter — a sharp critic of Morsi — in what appears to be an escalation against private media accused by the president of instigating violence and being funded by those loyal to the former regime.

A statement by the National Salvation Front read by reform leader Mohamed ElBaradei said Morsi's 2 ½-hour speech late Wednesday reflected a "clear inability to acknowledge the difficult conditions in Egypt because of his failure in running the country since he took office a year ago."

In the speech, Morsi told his opponents to use elections not protests to try to change the government, and counseled the military, which has warned it would intervene if violence breaks out, to focus on improving its capabilities and defending the nation.

He defended his performance in his first year in office, admitting some mistakes but also claiming achievements. At one point he apologized for

fuel shortages which have partially paralyzed the nation, increasing frustration and anger at his government. But the president offered no compromises in the confrontation with his opponents. Those organizing the protests for Sunday — the anniversary of Morsi's inauguration — say he must go because he has mismanaged the country, given a monopoly on decision-making to the Muslim Brotherhood and other Islamist allies, and encroached on the judiciary. "The president ... did not take responsibility for the polarization he has caused among the sons of one nation since taking office," ElBaradei said. The Nobel Peace Laureate and a former head of the U.N. nuclear watchdog added: "nothing will change our determination to go out on June 30 everywhere in Egypt. We are confident that the Egyptian masses will go out in their millions in peaceful protests that fill the streets and squares of Egypt on Sunday June 30." □

Iraq official says Baghdad open to U.S. military aid

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BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq is open to greater American military cooperation as U.S. commanders explore ways to boost security assistance to the country, a top Iraqi official said Thursday as a fresh wave of bombings claimed 16 lives.

The Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Martin Dempsey, has recommended that military American commanders look for ways to help improve the military capabili-

ties of Iraq and Lebanon, which both face the risk of spillover from the civil war in neighboring Syria. Dempsey said Wednesday that the assistance would not involve sending U.S. combat troops, but could involve the U.S. sending in training teams and accelerating sales of weapons and equipment. The last American combat troops left Iraq in December 2011, ending a nearly nine-year war that cost nearly 4,500 American and more than 100,000 Iraqi lives. □



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Brazil protesters targeting Confederations Cup matches

FORTALEZA, Brazil (AP) — About 5,000 anti-government protesters battled police on Thursday near a stadium that hosted a semi-final match of the Confederations Cup soccer tournament. The protesters marched peacefully but clashed with police as they neared the outer limits of a security zone about 1 mile (2 kilometers) from the stadium in Fortaleza, where Spain beat Italy in penalty time in the warm-up tournament to the 2014 World Cup. In Rio de Janeiro, about 2,000 protesters marched but didn't clash with police. They're the latest in a series of massive, nationwide protests that have hit Brazil since June

17. Demonstrators are angered about corruption and poor public services despite a heavy tax burden. Protests are also denouncing the billions of dollars spent to host the World Cup and the 2016 Olympics in Rio — money they say should be going toward better hospitals, schools, transportation projects and schools. Victoria Ferreira, a 16-year-old protesting near the Castelao stadium in Fortaleza, said it was ironic that "if something broke out here, some violence, there would be no hospitals to take care of us." Acrid tear gas still drifted in the air around Ferreira as police and clusters of protesters battled. Authorities



Demonstrators from the national student union gather inside the reflection pool outside Congress to demand 10 percent of the country's GDP be spent on public education in Brasilia, Brazil, Thursday, June 27, 2013.

(AP Photo/Eraldo Peres)

fired tear gas and rubber bullets in an effort to scatter the crowd, while protesters responded with slingshots, fireworks and rocks. At one point, a group of protesters broke through the outer police barrier and made a dash for the stadium, but they were pushed back by police. A few other scattered protests were reported around Brazil, smaller gatherings of demonstrators focused on individual issues, not the sort of massive protests seen last week when as many as 1 million Brazilians poured into the streets to call for change.

Tech guru James Martin found dead in Bermuda

DANICA COTO
Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — James Martin, a British philanthropist and technology guru who was once the highest-selling author on books about computing, has died near his private island in Bermuda. He was 79.

Authorities in the British territory said Thursday that an autopsy is pending for Martin, whose body was found by a kayaker in waters near his home on Agar's Island. Police have said they do not believe a crime is involved.

Martin was the largest single private donor in the nearly 900-year history of the University of Oxford, donating more than \$150 million to help establish the Oxford Martin School, where researchers study global issues, challenges and opportunities facing humanity in the 21st century. Project

topics range from climate change to quantum physics to the future of food.

Martin also was a Pulitzer Prize nominee for a 1977 technology book, "The Wired Society," which Oxford University said contained descriptions about the use of computers and the Internet that was still timely a quarter of a century later.

The university also noted that Martin was ranked fourth in Computer World's 25th Anniversary Edition's most influential people in computer technology. He is also credited with helping automate software development.

"You rarely meet someone who's such an incredible philanthropist whose sole interest is doing good at the highest level," said Dr. Anthony Knap, director of the Geochemical and Environmental Research Group at Texas A&M University.

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Ecuador heats rhetoric as Obama downplays Snowden

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QUITO, Ecuador (AP) — President Barack Obama tried to cool the international frenzy over Edward Snowden on Thursday as Ecuador stepped up its defiance and said it was preemptively rejecting millions in trade benefits that it could lose by taking in the fugitive from his limbo in a Moscow airport.

The country seen as likeliest to shelter the National Security Agency leaker seemed determined to prove it could handle any repercussions, with three of its highest officials calling an early-morning news conference to "unilaterally and irrevocably renounce" \$23 million a year in lowered tariffs on products such as roses, shrimp and frozen vegetables.

Fernando Alvarado, the secretary of communications for leftist President Rafael Correa, sarcastically suggested the U.S. use the money to train government employees to respect human rights.

Obama, meanwhile, sought to downplay the international chase for the man he called "a 29-year-old hacker" and lower the temperature of an issue that has raised tensions between the U.S. and un-

easy partners Russia and China. Obama said in Senegal that the damage to U.S. national security has already been done and his top focus now is making sure it can't happen again. "I'm not going to have one case with a suspect who we're trying to extradite suddenly be elevated to the point where I've got to start doing wheeling and dealing and trading on a whole host of other issues,

simply to get a guy extradited so he can face the justice system," Obama said at a joint news conference with Senegal's President Macky Sall.

While the Ecuadorean government appeared angry over U.S. threats of punishment if it accepts Snowden, there were also mixed signals about how eager it was to grant asylum. For days, officials here have been blasting the U.S. and

praising Snowden's leaks of NSA eavesdropping secrets as a blow for global human rights. But they also have repeatedly insisted that they are nowhere close to making a decision on whether Snowden can leave Moscow, where he is believed to be holed up in an airport transit zone, for refuge in this oil-rich South American nation.

"It's a complex situation, we don't know how it'll

be resolved," Correa told a news conference Thursday in his first public comments on the case aside from a handful of postings on Twitter. The Ecuadorean leader said that in order for Snowden's asylum application to be processed, he would have to be in Ecuador or inside an Ecuadorean Embassy, "and he isn't." Another country would have to permit Snowden to transit its terri-



Fernando Alvarado, Ecuador's communications minister, arrives to announce that Ecuador is renouncing trade preferences that are up for U.S. congressional renewal during a news conference in Quito, Ecuador, Thursday, June 27, 2013. It comes as Ecuador considers the asylum request of NSA leaker Edward Snowden, which has prompted critics in the U.S. to suggest retaliation against the South American country.

(AP Photo/Dolores Ochoa)

Venezuela: Missoni executive's plane found

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Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — The wreckage of a plane that disappeared with the CEO of Italy's iconic Missoni fashion house and five other people on board has been found in waters off Venezuela, government officials and family members said Thursday.

Venezuelan Attorney General Luisa Ortega Diaz said the aircraft with tail number YV2615, which went missing earlier this year, was discovered overnight near Los Roques archipelago, about 120 miles (190 kilometers) north of Caracas. The plane was carrying

58-year-old Vittorio Missoni; his longtime companion, Maurizia Castiglioni; two of their Italian friends, and two Venezuelan crew members when it disappeared in the area Jan. 4.

A month later, two pieces of luggage from the plane washed up on the tiny island of Bonaire.

Italy's Foreign Ministry said that the aircraft was found at a depth of 230 feet (70 meters) and had broken into pieces, but that there was certainty it was the Missoni plane because the tail number was legible.

Missoni's family in Italy issued a statement thanking both governments for their

support and expressing confidence that an investigation will determine what caused the crash.

"The possible recovery of the aircraft is being evaluated at this moment in Venezuela," the statement said.

It added that the plane was identified on the fifth day of a search thanks to the oceanographic technology of a U.S. ship.

"Now we must float (the wreckage) to be able to identify, establish if the bodies of the people are there," Venezuelan Foreign Minister Elias Java told reporters later.

Last week, Venezuelan au-

thorities announced that they had found the undersea remains of another small plane missing since 2008 near Los Roques.

That discovery was made with the help of a U.S. boat that was also going to search for Missoni's plane in the same area.

The Missoni fashion line has continued to show new collections, including menswear summer 2014 over the weekend in Milan as it marks its 60th anniversary, but it has been far from a celebratory year.

Since Missoni's disappearance, his father, Ottavio Missoni, the family-run company's patriarch, died. □

tory for that requirement to be met, Correa said.

WikiLeaks, which has been aiding Snowden, announced earlier he was en route to Ecuador and had received a travel document. On Wednesday, the Univision television network displayed an unsigned letter of safe passage for him. Officials on Thursday acknowledged that the Ecuadorean Embassy in London had issued a June 22 letter of safe passage for Snowden that calls on other countries to allow him to travel to asylum in Ecuador. But Ecuador's secretary of political management, Betty Tola, said the letter was invalid because it was issued without the approval of the government in the capital, Quito. □



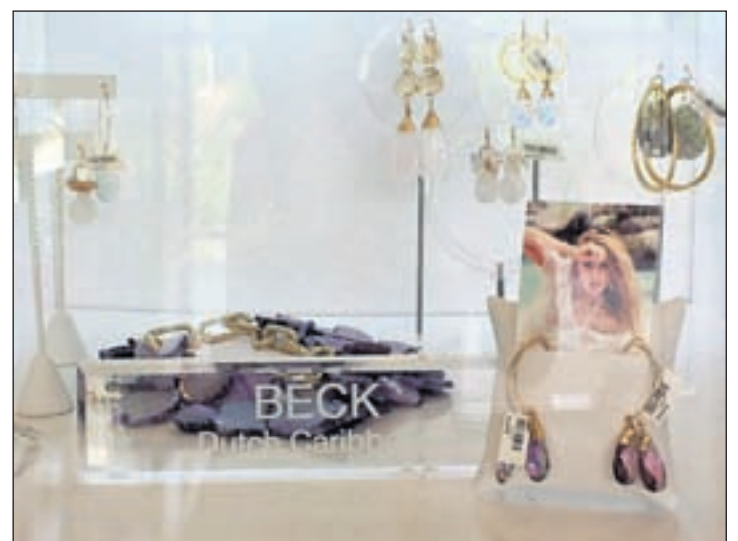
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"We have a fantastic program for our fourth AIFF edition—a great mixture of features and shorts, narratives and documentaries, plus different genres of films are represented... family films, dramas, action, adventure... even a few horror movies made the cut this year. Let's not forget our local films that will be having their world premieres at the festival. This in and of itself is a major accomplishment for Aruba," relayed an excited Aaron José, AIFF's Programming Director.

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the way. And we have a massive group of them this year... bigger than we've had in previous years. So we're quite proud of that."

Tickets for AIFF 2013 will be available at the AIFF Info Point Office at Palm Beach Plaza Mall in a variety of price ranges, from a simple movie and industry event ticket for only AWG 10/USD 6, to special passes for multi-event atten-



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tion/Suspense (short) - USA (International Premiere)

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PALM BEACH - The Casino at the Radisson offers a great number of promotions to its slot and table players such as Summer's Cash Madness every Wednesday, designed to give away US\$1,000 in cash to random players, through the month of June.

Slot machine players enjoy double points on slots from 12noon to 3pm every day, and Bonanza Free-Play Raffles, at 7, 8 & 9pm, for \$50 in free play vouchers, a number of times a week. The casino also delights its poker players every Friday with a Freeze-Out Poker Tournament, which is picking up in popularity as players buy in for \$100+\$20 and receive \$10,000 in tournament chips.

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rently worth more than \$33,000, and is offered with every bingo played.

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ers, even without landing a winning combination.

Pictured here, lucky Father of the Year who won the ultimate title on Father's Day, making him eligible to play free bingo at The Casino at the Radisson, all year. □

Fun activities at Marriott Associate Appreciation Week



packed bowling night at Eagle bowling. Associate Appreciation Week 2013 was another great celebration week

for the Marriott's associates. The Human Resource department did an excellent job organizing the week. For more photos of

the Aruba Marriott Appreciation Week, visit the official Facebook fan page: www.facebook.com/ArubaMarriott.

PALM BEACH - From June 16 - 21, the Aruba Marriott celebrated Associate Appreciation Week (AAW), an annual Marriott International celebration that recognizes the hard work and dedication of over 146,000 associates worldwide. The celebrations kicked off Friday afternoon with an outdoor BBQ. On Monday associates participated with an on-site scavenger hunt and brain gymnastics. On Tuesday morning, many associates joined a special hike tour at the National Arikok Park while others got sportive and played paintball in the afternoon. Over one hundred fifty associates gathered Wednesday morning in the Casino for a game of Bingo. Several associates were lucky and won cash prizes. At night teams geared up for the car rally, where associates drive around the island and receive crazy fun assignments to win. Thursday morning associates geared up for exercising with early Zumba and sports events



at the beach. The afternoon was family time for associates and their little ones. A special treat was the movie night with the new release of Monsters Inc University at Paseo Herencia cinemas. The Associate Appreciation Week ended on Friday with a morning beach walk, balloon classes and a jam-

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Welcome Back Loyal Bugaloe Guests Steve and Jen Wood!

PALM BEACH- This week, Bugaloe is welcoming back loyal guests Steve and Jen Wood from Plainfield, IN. They have been coming to Aruba for 7 years and are staying at the Westin resort. Perfectly located, with only steps away from their favorite hang-out spot. What they like best about Bugaloe is the friendly staff and the wonderful atmosphere. They are always welcomed with smiles, and the music is perfect for relaxing. Their favorite menu item is the Bugaloe Fries, and they are definitely not ordinary! These fries or nachos come topped with taco beef, cheddar cheese, sour cream, tomatoes and chives. A favorite to many other guests. Jen and Steve enjoy it even



more with some Bacardi Rum Punches or a couple of cold Amstel Brights. Jen says: 'One of my funniest memories of Bugaloe

is when a friend of mine had a little too many drinks and fell into the ocean with her company phone!' She laughs as she continues

with another funny story: 'One other great memory of Bugaloe is when the bartender Ditto was drinking Tequila shots with a friend

of mine, while the friend did not know Ditto was actually drinking shots of water! I just love it here, this is the best place on the island'. The

Bugaloe crew would like to thank Steve and Jen for being loyal Bugaloe guests and hope to see them more often. □

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ORDER ON THE COURT

MATTIAS KAREN

AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — Novak Djokovic and Serena Williams restored a semblance of order to this wildest of Wimbledons.



Serena Williams during their second round match at Wimbledon, Thursday, June 27, 2013.

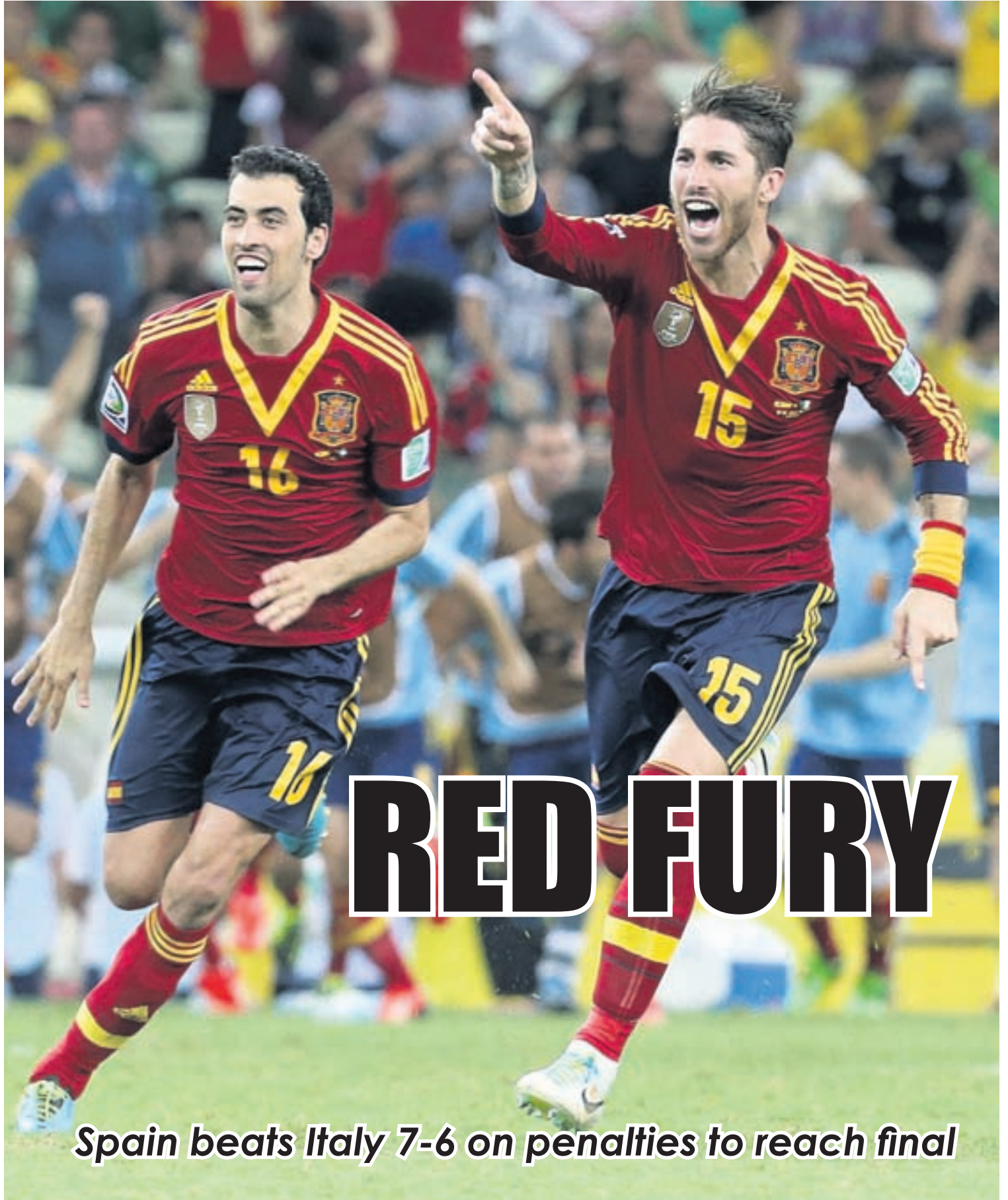
(AP Photo/Alastair Grant)

A day after Roger Federer led a mass exodus of high-seeded players and favorites, the top-ranked man and woman sailed into the third round with straight-sets victories. Djokovic defeated American qualifier Bobby Reynolds 7-6 (2), 6-3, 6-1 under the retractable roof on Centre Court, a few hours after Williams beat French 19-year-old Caroline Garcia 6-3, 6-2.

In fact, after Wednesday's series of shock upsets, there wasn't a surprise to be had. The highest-seeded player to lose was No. 17 Milos Ranic of Canada, and there were just two injury retirements — compared to seven on Wednesday.

Instead, there was the familiar sight of covers being pulled over the courts as the rain arrived for the first time this week, forcing the closure of the roof and the suspension of a number of afternoon matches until Friday.

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RED FURY

Spain beats Italy 7-6 on penalties to reach final

Spain's Sergio Ramos, right, and Sergio Busquets celebrate after defeating Italy 7-6 during a penalty shoot-out in the soccer Confederations Cup semifinal match at the Castelao stadium in Fortaleza, Brazil, Thursday, June 27, 2013.

(AP Photo/Eugene Hoshiko)

ANDREW DAMPF

AP Sports Writer

FORTALEZA, Brazil (AP) —

Jesus Navas scored the decisive penalty as World Cup holder Spain beat Italy 7-6

in a shootout Thursday after extra time ended 0-0, setting up a showdown with host Brazil in the Confederations Cup final.

Nobody missed in the

shootout until Italy defender Leonardo Bonucci shot high to give Navas an attempt at the winner and the Seville midfielder coolly beat goalkeeper Gianluigi

Buffon to send Spain to another major final.

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In draining heat and humidity, each side hit the woodwork in extra time. Emanuele Giaccherini smashed a shot off the post in the 93rd minute and Buffon deflected a shot from Xavi Hernandez off the post in the 115th. Italy will face Uruguay in the third-place match in Salvador, also Sunday. In a rematch of the Euro 2012 final, which Spain

won 4-0, Italy threatened early on even without the injured Mario Balotelli, relying on counterattacks, while Spain relied on its usual game of short passes and ball possession. The roles reversed in the second half but it wasn't until extra time that each side produced some of the match's best chances. When English referee Howard Webb whistled the end of extra time in the 120th minute, the crowd inside the Castelao Stadium

cheered loudly, applauding two classy teams. Before kickoff, about 5,000 anti-government protesters battled police about 2 kilometers (1 mile) from the stadium. More protests are expected Sunday at the final of the World Cup warm-up tournament at the Maracana stadium in Rio de Janeiro. Thursdays' were the latest in a series of massive, nationwide protests that have hit Brazil since June 17. Dem-

onstrators are angered about corruption and poor public services despite a heavy tax burden. Protests are also denouncing the billions of dollars spent to host the World Cup and the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. Sunday is the fourth major final Spain will play in five years, having won the 2008 and 2012 European Championships plus the 2010 World Cup. Inside the stadium, which appeared full, there was

overwhelming support for Italy from the local fans, who were perhaps afraid of facing Spain in the final. Spain was booed early on every time it took the ball. Christian Maggio had the best chance of the first half in the 36th with a header inside the box that Spain goalkeeper Iker Casillas did well to block. A minute later, Xavi Hernandez set up Spain's only real chance early on as Fernando Torres shot wide. Reverted to a three-man defense, Italy coach Cesare Prandelli made another tactical move to start the second half, replacing center back Andrea Barzagli with midfielder Riccardo Montolivo and putting De Rossi at the center of the defense. Seeking to inject some energy into his squad, Spain coach Vicente Del Bosque sent on Navas for David Silva in the 52nd and Navas had the first significant chance of the second half six minutes later with a long, low effort that Buffon controlled. The roles reversed as the second half wore on, with Italy controlling more and and Spain resorting more to counterattacks. Italy had a series of corner kicks at one point but had trouble producing chances. Navas threatened in the 92nd with a long shot that appeared to surprise Buffon but the goalkeeper quickly recovered. □



Spain's Jesus Navas, left, scores the decisive goal past Italy goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon during the penalty shootout of the soccer Confederations Cup semifinal match between Spain and Italy at Castelao stadium in Fortaleza, Brazil, Thursday, June 27, 2013. (AP Photo/Fernando Llano)

Victories send Portugal, Nigeria into U20 last 16

ERIC WILLEMSSEN
Associated Press

ISTANBUL (AP) — Portugal and Nigeria won their final Group B matches to reach the last 16 of the Under-20 World Cup on Thursday, while third-place South Korea still has a chance of advancing. Spain and France had already advanced from Group A, and Spain won the group with a 2-1 win over the French. Captain Paco Alcacer and Jese scored before substitute Thibaut Vion found the net for France in injury time.

The United States, which hasn't reached the knockout stages since 2007, finished last in the group after a 4-1 defeat by Ghana. Portugal striker Bruma scored his fourth and fifth goals of the event to help the two-time champions beat Cuba 5-0 and top the group, while Nigeria defeated South Korea 1-0 after an early goal by Olanrewaju Kayode and overtook the Asians for second place. Ricardo, Aladje and To Ze also found the net for Portugal, while Bruma almost

added a sixth but hit the crossbar. It was Portugal's biggest ever win in the competition, improving on 3-0 defeats of Argentina in 1991 and the Netherlands four years later. Portugal won the title in 1989 and '91 and finished runner-up to Brazil two years ago. Cuba, which lost all three games and became the first team to be eliminated, was making its debut appearance. Nigeria secured its victory after Kayode was left unmarked by the South Ko-

rean defense and headed home a free kick by captain Abdul Ajagun in the ninth minute. South Korea still has a chance to advance as one of the best four third-place teams. Ghana had more possession in the opening half hour but the U.S. was still able to create three scoring chances. However, a header and later a shot by Mario Rodriguez both lacked power, and a powerful 20-meter (yard) effort by Jose Villarreal brought a diving save from goalkeep-

er Eric Antwi. U.S. keeper Cody Cropper reacted quickly while lying on the ground to save a shot from six meters by Lawrence Larney in the 35th minute. But Cropper had no chance shortly afterward, when several American defenders failed to clear the ball from the area and Frank Acheampong fired home a low shot. Another piece of weak defending allowed the unmarked Ebenezer Asifuah to curl the ball past Cropper in the 58th the minute. □

AT&T National: Castro leads at tough Congressional



Roberto Castro watches his tee shot on the third tee during the first round of the AT&T National Golf tournament, Thursday, July 27, 2013, in Bethesda, Md.

(AP Photo/Nick Wass)

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

BETHESDA, Maryland (AP)

— Roberto Castro didn't qualify for the U.S. Open this year. But he felt as if he played in one at Congressional on Thursday in the AT&T National.

Castro ran off three straight birdies late in his round for a 5-under 66, giving him the lead on a tough day that didn't yield too many low scores considering the cloud cover and relatively soft conditions.

Billy Horschel, who tied for fourth in the real U.S. Open two weeks ago at Merion, began his day with a 50-foot birdie putt, added a pair of birdies over the next three holes and then hung on for a 68. That was the best score among the early starters. Bud Cauley had a 68 in the afternoon.

"It's like another U.S. Open," Horschel said. "Off the fairways, the rough is thick. Fortunately, the greens are soft so they're really receptive. It's still a tough golf course."

Congressional has hosted the U.S. Open three times, and it looks like it could handle another with a moment's notice.

The course is among the longest this year. The rough is denser than usual, putting an extra premium on the tee shot.

Jim Furyk, Nicolas Colsaerts and Ben Kohles were at 69, and no one else from the morning managed to break 70.

Davis Love III had an 83 with a sore hip and then withdrew, not wanting to risk further injury. Rory Sabbatini withdrew with a sore back after he was 8-over in 12 holes. Charlie Beljan had an 84.

Lucas Glover, a former U.S. Open champion, called it "the most boring round of PGA Tour golf I've heard."

Heard? "I heard two cheers across the whole golf course all morning," Glover said after a hard-earned 71. "They definitely weren't for my group."

Officials cut the rough on Wednesday, though its thickness presented the bigger problem than the height of the grass. The par-5 ninth hole played 635 yards into a light wind, making it a three-shot hole — unless a player missed the fairway off the tee, making it a four-shot hole to get on the green.

It's far tougher than Congressional was for the U.S. Open two years ago, when the course was relatively soft throughout the week. Rory McIlroy played far better than anyone that week and won by eight shot at a record 16-under 268.

"We're in the entertainment business," Glover said. "These people like to see us make birdies, not chip out of the rough. I'm fine with it four or five times a year. We have Honda, Akron, Congressional ... we've got 10. I'm fine with hard golf courses, but make it fun for us, make it fun for the fans. We're supposed to be showing people how good we are, not how good we can chip out of the rough."

Castro made only one bogey, and that was from the fairway. He put his second shot on the 11th into the water, and saved bogey with a chip to tap-in range. He bounced back with consecutive birdies, and twice made solid par saves before his run of birdies on

his back nine.

Castro played his first U.S. Open last year at Olympic Club and missed the cut. He saw similarities in one respect.

"There's not a lot of birdies," he said.

The biggest roar he heard was for Brandt Snedeker, and they weren't even in the same group. Castro had just come off a par save at No. 3 when he saw Snedeker, who was on the ninth hole, trying to play from the tee box at No. 4. He heard a big roar when Snedeker's third shot flew over the big trees and onto the green, and an even bigger cheer when Snedeker holed a 50-foot birdie putt.

But it was a quiet day for the most part. □

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Williams, Djokovic restore order to Wimbledon

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Having seen both Federer and Rafael Nadal knocked out in the first three days, Djokovic also faced surprisingly stiff re-

third sets. "I think the fact that the top players lost in the last few days gives enough reason for all of us to not underestimate any opponent," Djokovic said. "Everybody, especially lower

Djokovic made this the worst Wimbledon for American men in more than a century. Reynolds' loss means none of the 11 in the tournament advanced past the second round, the first time that's happened

realized he was playing to avoid a historic slump.

"I don't feel like I'm carrying the U.S. flag, I'm the lone guy left," Reynolds said. "I just happened to play the last match on today, so... I actually wasn't aware of it at all."

Williams is still the favorite in the women's draw, however, and will now go from playing an opponent 12 years her junior to facing one 11 years her senior.

Next up for the 31-year-old American is Japan's Kimiko Date-Krumm, who at 42 became the oldest woman to reach the third round at Wimbledon in the Open era. Date-Krumm beat Alexandra Cadantu of Romania 6-4, 7-5 to advance this far at Wimbledon for the first time since 1996, when she went to the semifinals. "I have so much respect for her," said Williams, who herself became the third-oldest woman in the Open era to win a Grand Slam tournament when she captured this year's French Open. "I think she's so inspiring to be playing such high level tennis at her age. And she's a real danger on the grass court, I know that. I definitely will have to be ready." □



Novak Djokovic of Serbia plays a return to Bobby Reynolds of the United States during their Men's second round singles match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, Thursday, June 27, 2013.

(AP Photo/Kirsty Wigglesworth)

sistance from Reynolds in the first set. However, he dominated the tiebreaker and had little trouble from there, breaking Reynolds twice in the second and

ranked players in the opening rounds, have nothing to lose really when they go on the center stage and they come up with their best game."In the process,

since 1912. There were no American men in the tournament that year, although none reached the third round in 1911 either. Reynolds said he hadn't

Pujols lifts Angels over Tigers 3-1 in 10

The Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) -- Albert Pujols got the biggest hit of the game. Jered Weaver delivered the most encouraging performance, as far as the Los Angeles were concerned.

Pujols hit a tiebreaking double in the 10th inning and the Angels beat Detroit 3-1 on Thursday for their ninth straight victory over the Tigers. Mike Trout had four hits and was in the middle of the decisive rally for the Angels, who completed a three-game sweep. Weaver pitched seven strong innings in a tight duel with Detroit right-hander Doug Fister.

"Just wanted to concentrate on keeping things simple and keeping the mechanics sound and tried to locate," said Weaver, the staff ace who

had struggled since coming off the disabled list.

Making his sixth start since returning from a broken left (non-throwing) elbow, Weaver gave up one run and

four hits. He walked two and struck out six.

After the Tigers scored in the second, Weaver allowed only a hit and a walk in his final five innings. He retired his last

13 batters.

"We're confident that he's going to pitch more like he did today than the way he has in a couple of his last starts," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said.

J.B. Shuck singled leading off the 10th against Phil Coke (0-5) and went to third on Trout's single to right field. Pujols sent a drive to deep center, where Austin Jackson tried to make a difficult catch with his back to home plate. The ball tipped off the webbing of Jackson's glove, hit the wall and trickled to the ground.

"That ball was crushed," Scioscia said.

After an intentional walk to Howie Kendrick loaded the bases, Josh Hamilton made it 3-1 with a sacrifice fly. □



Los Angeles Angels' Albert Pujols hits a one-run double against the Detroit Tigers in the 10th inning of a baseball game in Detroit, Thursday, June 27, 2013. The Angels won 3-1 in 10 innings.

(AP Photo/Paul Sancya)

Nets working on trade for Garnett, Pierce

HOWARD BECK

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The Brooklyn Nets and the Boston Celtics are working on a potential blockbuster trade that would send Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett to Brooklyn, a deal which would simultaneously bolster the Nets' title hopes and begin the Celtics' rebuilding campaign.

The proposed deal is complicated and cannot be completed until July 10, after the NBA's annual signing moratorium is lifted, according to a person connected to the negotiations.

Under the terms being discussed, the Nets would send Gerald Wallace, the expiring contract of Kris Humphries and multiple first-round picks to Boston. The talks were first reported by Yahoo Sports.

To make the deal work under salary-cap rules, the teams would have to wait until after July 1, when Pierce's \$15.3 million salary becomes guaranteed. Then they would have to wait another nine days until the moratorium is lifted.

There are several possible impediments to the deal, including Garnett's no-trade clause.

There has been no indication from Garnett, who has spent the last six seasons in Boston, whether he would be willing to play in Brooklyn.

It is also unclear whether the Celtics, who began rebuilding when they let coach Doc Rivers leave for the Los Angeles Clippers, would be willing to take on Wallace's contract, which has three years and \$30 million remaining. Humphries is due \$12 million next season, the last year of his contract.

Garnett is due \$24.4 million over the next two seasons. Wallace's hefty contract would be a potential impediment in the Celtics' effort to reconstruct the roster around guard Rajon Rondo. The draft picks from the Nets would almost certainly fall in the bottom of the first round. □

Webber leaving F1 to race Porsche cars next year

MICHAEL CASEY
AP Sports Writer
SILVERSTONE, England (AP)

— Mark Webber stunned Formula One on Thursday by announcing that he's retiring at the end of the season to race Porsche

making what has no doubt been a very difficult decision," Red Bull principal Christian Horner said. "His achievements in Formula One are extensive and I am sure he will continue to push hard and build on

sion, he has been an excellent addition to the team since joining us in 2007 and we wish him all the best in the next stages of his career."

Horner said he was only called Thursday morning

cision for a driver to retire can only come really from him," he said.

Among the favorites to replace Webber would be Lotus driver Kimi Raikkonen, who is a good friend of Vettel's. The Finn said he would enjoy racing alongside Vettel but said he "still had no answer about" whether he would remain at Lotus or replace Webber in 2014.

Horner said he simply

wanted a "fast driver" to replace Webber.

"We want to field the best two cars we can next year," he said. "We are in a fortunate position where there are quite a few drivers who would like to drive a Red Bull car and we have two talented young drivers (Jean-Eric Vergne and Daniel Ricciardo) that we have been developing in Toro Rosso. We don't need to rush into a decision." □



Red Bull Formula One driver Mark Webber of Australia, second right, speaks to fellow driver, McLaren's Jenson Button, right, before Formula One's British Grand Prix at Silverstone, England, Thursday, June 27, 2013. Webber has decided to leave Formula One at the end of this season to join Porsche's new sports car programme. (AP Photo/Jon Super)

sports cars.

Webber said at the British Grand Prix he's signed a multi-year contract and will compete in Porsche's new LMP1 sports prototype at the Le Mans 24 Hours and in the world endurance championship next year.

He has struggled this season, failing to win a grand prix and is fifth in the drivers' championship, 63 points behind Red Bull teammate Sebastian Vettel. The German is on course for a fourth consecutive title.

Webber first raised doubts about his future with Red Bull after Vettel ignored team orders and overtook him for victory at the Malaysian GP in March. But he insisted on his website that the controversy had nothing to do with his decision, adding that "I've had a personal plan. I've stuck with it. This is the next chapter."

Red Bull confirmed Webber was leaving and said it would make a decision on a replacement later in the season.

"I am sure Mark thought long and hard before

that record until the end of the season.

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about Webber's decision.

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Report: More U.S. C-sections are now done closer to due date; procedure rate tops off

MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Not only has America's high level of C-sections finally stopped rising, but more of the operations are taking place closer to the mother's due date, a new government report found.

Figures released Thursday show what appears to be a significant shift in when pregnant women have cesarean sections.

other medical problems. For decades, the operations were done in only a small fraction of births, usually only when a fetus was in danger. In 1970, the U.S. rate was 5 percent of all births.

By 2009, about a third of births were C-sections. Experts say many factors drove the rate up, including the convenience of scheduling deliveries.

But that rate has at least

tation between 2009 and 2011. But at 38 weeks there were fewer: the rate fell 5 percent, to 32 percent.

And at 39 weeks, it rose 4 percent, to 34 percent of births. The rate at 40 weeks held steady at 25 percent. A full-term pregnancy is 39 to 40 weeks. The changes occurred across the board, for all major racial and ethnic groups and for all ages of mothers.

CDC health statistician Mi-



A new government report suggests that more C-sections are taking place closer to the mother's due date. (Handout Photo)

Experts called the change great news — apparent evidence that doctors and women have absorbed warnings about the risks of C-sections and the importance of waiting to deliver until the baby is full-term.

"People are getting the message," said Dr. Barbara Stoll, an Emory University specialist in the care of newborns.

A C-section is major surgery with risks of infection and, in very rare cases, death. Recovery time is longer than with a vaginal delivery. And the babies can be more likely to have breathing difficulties and

stopped rising for two years. The overall rate was again about 33 percent in 2011, the latest year available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Thursday's report focused on preliminary data for that year's single-child deliveries, which are about 96 percent of all births. The trend there was similar to the overall numbers: The C-section rate has held steady at 31 percent since 2009, after rising for a dozen straight years.

The report found very little change in C-sections through 37 weeks of ges-

chelle Osterman said they had hoped to figure out from the report why the overall rates had leveled off, but it didn't provide any answers. Health officials want to push the rate down to a goal of 15 percent.

Still, the shift to later C-sections is great news, said Dr. George Macones, head of obstetrics and gynecology at Washington University in St. Louis.

"The important thing is babies born before 39 weeks have more complications than babies born at 39 weeks and beyond," Macones said. □

Beam Column: My fat problem - and yours

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Last week, the American Medical Association declared that obesity is a disease. The vote was controversial, given that the AMA's own review panel had concluded "it is difficult to determine conclusively that obesity is a disease state." How could obesity be a disease? A disease is a debilitating condition, sometimes temporary, sometimes chronic. OK, obesity fits in there. What causes disease? Everyone but Christian Scientists believe that heredity, germs, and viruses cause disease. What causes obesity? Almost everyone, including America's Dietician-in-Chief, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, agrees — eating too much!

Labelling obesity as a disease fits right in with the medicalization of every fitful tic and annoyance in American life. Bummed out? Can't sleep? Sexually tapped out? There's a pill for that. Just recently psychiatrists — they're doctors, too, they'd have you remember — declared caffeine withdrawal to be a mental illness, as one of a number of "caffeine-related disorders." What is this really about? Money. With the AMA hoping to "expand coverage for obesity-related services," newly minted diet pills such as Vivus, Inc.'s Qsymia acquire a sudden legitimacy. Diet pills generally have operated on the fringes of medicine — remember Fen-Phen? — and still offer plenty of risks. "Birth defects, suicidal thoughts or actions and serious eye problems." Seeing those "serious side effects" on the Qsymia website, maybe I'll just stay fat.

(My Body Mass Index is 29, one tick away from the official "obese" threshold of 30. BMI is TMI, I always say.) Right now Medicare, the nation's largest insurer, doesn't cover diet pills. That could change. A bipartisan group of congressmen wants Medicare to start shelling out for fat pills. Who's going to pay for that, you ask? Do you have a mirror handy?

The AMA's decision is also a potential windfall for the dubious field of bariatric surgery, a.k.a. stomach sta-

pling, which is experiencing explosive growth. There are now over 200,000 bariatric surgeries a year, a 16-fold increase in 15 years. Stomach stapling is rapidly becoming a subcategory of plastic surgery for celebrities such as New Jersey Governor Chris Christie and weatherman Al Roker who want to slim down, but find dieting to be awfully hard work.

Medicare and some private insurers already cover bariatric surgery for people who are pretty darned fat — BMI of 35 and above — and also have an obesity-related disease. Now there will be pressure to cover stomach stapling for men and women with a BMI of 30 or more, i.e. people like me. Last week, you could practically hear the corks popping over at the American Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery. In a statement, the Society's treasurer, Dr. John Morton, called the AMA decision a "tipping point," adding that "now coverage policy must catch up to that consensus." Who's going to pay for that, you ask? Don't put that mirror away! It turns out that expensive bariatric procedures, which cost up to \$40,000, are of questionable value.

Yes, losing weight is hard, and how very American to outsource that struggle to Big Pharma and the stomach staplers. AMA board member Dr. Patrice Harris suggests that I may have a simplistic view of obesity. "It's not just a behavioral issue, it's much more complex than that," she says. "It's multifactorial in its etiology, with behavioral, environmental, and genetic causes. Yes, personal responsibility is a piece of the puzzle, but we can't say we won't treat people just because they can't push back from the table." I'm going to outsource my conclusion to Dr. Elliot Berry, a nutrition expert at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. "The AMA statement is dangerous, counterproductive, not useful or constructive," Berry told the Jerusalem Post. "There is no magic bullet — no medicine — for obesity," he added. "The way out of obesity is to eat less and better and to move your body." □

Boston: A possible tech levy raises new concern in sector

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Technology executives and trade groups are alarmed by potential new taxes on computer services included in a transportation finance bill Massachusetts legislators passed Wednesday night, saying the legislation is too broadly written and will impose unfair levies on many different aspects of a key sector of the economy.

The tax is part of a bill the Legislature wrote to finance some \$500 million in improvements to the state's transportation infrastructure and was passed by both chambers.

It would extend the 6.25 percent sales tax to so-called computer systems design services, which critics say is so vaguely defined that it could be applied to almost any business that relies on third-party software vendors. Depending on how tax regulators apply the legislation, the levy could hit some of the state's biggest employers and promising start-ups alike, and be assessed on a wide range of activities, from custom Web design to smartphone apps to sophisticated software for industrial applications. While the state forecast the provision would raise \$160 million in revenues, critics claim it could amount to \$500 million in additional taxes on technology users.

"That provision alone could be a half-billion dollar tax hike aimed at the very heart of our technology economy," said Chris Anderson, president of the Massachusetts High Tech Council, an industry group. "The question for the Legislature is why would we want to blunt that edge, and let other states get ahead of us." The Patrick administration, which initially proposed a broader version of the tax, did not return calls for comment. But the governor said in a statement Wednesday that he will not support the bill in its current form because it does not raise enough money for

transportation.

State lawmakers, meanwhile, said they had narrowed the scope of Patrick's initial proposal from a broader tax that would have covered such hot areas of the Massachusetts technology sector as cloud computing and so-called big data analytics.

"We scaled it back and looked for something that was fair, reasoned, and balanced," said Senator Thomas McGee of Lynn, chairman of the joint Committee on Transportation.

According to the current version of the proposal, computer system design services are defined as "the planning, consulting or designing of computer systems that integrate computer hardware, software or communication technologies and are provided by a vendor or a third party."

But that description, business leaders said, is still too vague, and it could lead regulators at the Department of Revenue to apply the tax to transactions that lawmakers had not intended, said Andrew Bagley, director of research for Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation. That ambiguity is creating concerns within the business community, Bagley said, and comes at a time when other states are offering incentives to attract technology companies. But McGee and a colleague, Senator Stephen Brewer of Barre, chairman of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, said they would lobby the Revenue Department to ensure the taxes are not too far reaching.

The tax proposal snuck up on many in the technology industry, as several prominent local companies said they did not know the legislation was even under consideration, while some industry groups said they weren't sure of its overall impact. "We need a clarification of this law as soon as possible," said Dave Andelman, president of the Restaurant and Business Alliance. □

Samsung puts curve in OLED televisions

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SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

— After delays, Samsung Electronics Co. rolled out Thursday a curved TV that uses an advanced display called OLED.

The 55-inch TV will sell for 15 million won (\$13,000) in South Korea, more than five times the cost of LCD televisions of the same size. But Kim Hyunsuk, the executive vice president of Samsung's TV division, said the company is optimistic about demand for the high-end TV.

"OLED is about picture quality," Kim told reporters. "We are sure that we realized the perfect picture quality."

It remains to be seen if con-

sumers will be willing to pay a premium for enhanced imagery. The TV industry has been struggling to excite interest with its latest technologies. In recent years, attempts to boost sales by introducing 3-D TVs and TVs that are connected to the Internet have failed to end the downturn in the TV industry. Samsung is not the first to introduce a curved TV using OLED. In May, its rival LG Electronics Inc., the second-biggest TV maker, launched a 55-inch curved TV in South Korea.

LG's model, which also sells for 15 million won, is not sold outside South Korea.

LG spokesman Kenneth Hong said the company will ship curved OLED TVs to other countries in the near

future.

Samsung will ship its curved OLED TVs to overseas markets starting July, Kim said. The company does not plan to manufacture flat OLED TVs this year, he said. The concave display gives viewers a sense of being immersed in the images, according to Samsung.

Samsung and LG, which are the only TV makers in the world to begin commercial sales of OLED TVs, had promised to launch them in 2012 but delayed the launch to this year.

The two South Korean TV giants tout OLED, short for organic light-emitting diode, as the next-generation display technology that will eventually replace older displays. □



Models pose with a Samsung Electronics Co.'s 55-inch curved OLED TV during a press conference at its headquarters in Seoul, South Korea, Thursday, June 27, 2013.

(AP Photo/Ahn Young-joon)

PayPal looks to conquer space (payments)

NEW YORK (AP) — PayPal wants to explore space — or at least begin to figure out how payments and commerce will work beyond Earth's realm once space travel and tourism take off.

PayPal, which is eBay Inc.'s payments business, says it is launching an initiative called PayPal Galactic with the help of the non-profit SETI Institute in Mountain View, California, and the Space Tourism Society, an industry group focused on space travel. Its goal, PayPal says, is to work out how commerce will work in space.

Questions to be answered include how commerce will be regulated and what currency will be used. PayPal's president, David Marcus, said the company is very serious about the idea. He says that while space tourism was once the stuff of science fiction, it's now becoming a reality.

"There are lots of important questions that the industry needs to answer," he said. There are regulatory and technical issues, along with safety and even what cross-border trade will look like when there are not a lot of borders.

"We feel that it's important

for us to start the conversation and find answers," Marcus added. "We don't have that much time."

PayPal is no stranger to outer space. One of its founders, Elon Musk, heads the privately held space company Space Exploration Technologies Corp., better known as SpaceX. And James Doohan, best known for his role as "Scotty" on "Star Trek," was PayPal's first official spokesman when it launched in 1999.

PayPal said it plans to hold an event announcing the venture at the SETI Institute in Mountain View on Thursday. □

US stocks gain on good news about the economy

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NEW YORK (AP) — Better news on jobs and consumer spending pushed U.S. stocks higher Thursday.

The Dow Jones industrial average and the Standard & Poor's 500 index rose for a third straight day. Bond yields fell for a second day, easing worries that a sudden spike in interest rates could hurt the economy.

Consumer spending rose 0.3 percent last month as incomes increased at the fastest pace in three months, the government reported. The number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits fell 9,000 to 346,000 last week. The report added to evidence that the job market is improving modestly.

Stocks have rallied since Tuesday as investors took advantage of lower prices after a sell-off that lasted till Monday. The plunge came after Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said that the central bank could cut back on its stimulus later this year and possibly end it next year, if the economy continued to improve.

The Dow sank 560 points over Wednesday and Thursday of last week. Even with the gains this week the index is still 293 points below where it was June

18, the day before the Fed laid out its plans for how it might wind down its stimulus.

The central bank is buying \$85 billion in bonds every

a 'win-win' situation," said Rick Robinson, a regional Chief Investment Officer at Wells Fargo Private Bank. "If you have good economic data that should

led by financial stocks. Materials companies were the only group that fell. In a sign that investors were once again more confident in holding riskier as-

highest since August 2011. The rate has surged since May 3, when it touched its low for the year of 1.63 percent. Concern that the Fed is poised to start pulling back on its stimulus prompted investors to sell bonds, pushing the yield higher. Investors who have added bonds to their portfolios at the expense of stocks should consider reducing their fixed income holdings because yields are likely to rise further, said Doug Cote, chief market strategist at ING Investment Management. Bonds rallied from 2007 to 2012, years that encompassed the financial crisis and the Great Recession. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to a record low of 1.39 percent in July last year. "For the first time in five years, equities are the safest asset class," Cote said. Higher yields on Treasury bonds translate into higher borrowing costs on many kinds of loans including home mortgages. Average U.S. rates on fixed mortgages surged this week to their highest levels in two years. Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac said Thursday that the average rate on the 30-year loan jumped to 4.46 percent. That's up from 3.93 percent last week and the highest since July 2011. □



Trader Jonathan Corpina, center, smiles as he works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Better news on jobs and consumer spending pushed U.S. stocks higher Thursday, June 27, 2013. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

month to hold down long-term interest rates and encourage borrowing and spending. Fed stimulus has underpinned a stock market rally that started in March 2009 by encouraging investors to put money into risky assets.

"What's driving that market up is that people are realizing that they are in

be good for stocks, if you have poor economic data ... that means the Fed will probably have its (stimulus) longer."

The Dow closed up 114.35 points, or 0.8 percent, to 15,024.49. The S&P 500 index climbed 9.94 points, or 0.6 percent, to 1,613.20.

Nine of the 10 industry groups in the S&P 500 rose,

sets, the Russell 2000 index of small-company stocks rose 16.09 points, or 1.7 percent, to 979.92, more than twice as much as the rest of the market.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.48 percent from 2.54 percent late Wednesday. The yield climbed as high 2.66 percent on Monday, the

Nike's fiscal 4Q profit rises 22 percent

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NEW YORK (AP) — Nike Inc., the world's largest athletic shoe and clothing company, announced a 22 percent increase in fourth-quarter profits as strength in North America offset weakness in Europe and China. Like most global companies, Nike has been dealing with Europe's fluctuating economy and a slowdown in growth in China. Nike has been working to reduce its inventory in China and reworking its offerings there to adapt to the changing tastes of Chinese customers. It also has been focusing on growth in North

America, selling off less profitable brands like Umbro to focus on core brands like Nike. The company said Thursday it earned \$668 million, or 76 cents per share, in the three-month period ended May 31. That compares with \$549 million, or 60 cents per share, in the year-ago period.

Revenue increased 7 percent to \$6.7 billion from \$6.24 billion.

Analysts had expected 74 cents per share on revenue of \$6.63 billion, according to FactSet.

During the fourth quarter, the company's revenue under the Nike brand rose 8 percent with growth across

each product type and region except Western Europe and Greater China. The Nike brand revenue was higher in running, basketball, men's training, and women's training products, offsetting slight declines in sportswear, action sport and soccer.

Inventories rose 7 percent year over year. Future orders for the Nike brand were up 8 percent at quarter-end.

Shares of Nike rose more than 3 percent, or \$1.98, to \$64.30 in after-hours trading after edging up 47 cents to \$62.32 in regular trading. The fourth-quarter results were released after



Nike Shox running shoes are seen Friday, June 21, 2013, in Tampa, Fla. Nike Inc. reported positive quarterly financial results after the market closed Thursday, June 27, 2013. (AP Photo/Chris O'Meara)

the market closed. Shares have traded from \$42.55 to \$66.07 over the past 52 weeks. □

Canada OKs Bell takeover bid of Astral

GATINEAU, Quebec (AP) — Bell, Canada's largest telecommunications company, won regulatory approval Thursday for its US\$3.2-billion (CA\$3.4-billion) bid to buy Astral Media.

The Canadian Radio-television Telecommunications Commission announced its decision Thursday after markets closed.

The telecommunications watchdog rejected Bell's initial bid, citing concerns the company would become too dominant in the market.

The regulator said Bell satisfied those concerns with a revised bid that agreed to sell some of Astral's specialty TV channels and radio stations.

"The commission concludes that the transaction as modified in this decision is in the public interest," the regulator said in its decision.

Astral is Canada's largest pay and specialty TV broadcaster. It owns 25 TV stations, including HBO Canada. It also owns 84 radio stations in 50 Canadian markets and is the third-largest outdoor advertising company.

Bell's parent company, BCE Inc., has said it wants to buy Astral to put its content across traditional TV, computers, smartphones and tablets. Astral's English pay TV service, The Movie Network, and French-language pay TV service Super Ecran would be key providers of shows and movies.

Bell is trying to compete with the online streaming service Netflix, which has more than one million Canadian customers, and YouTube, which launched its pay channels last month. Bell's competitors — Rogers Communications, Quebecor, Telus, Cogeco Cable and Eastlink — voiced their concerns during regulatory hearings earlier this year about getting deals for content on digital platforms if the Bell-Astral deal went ahead. □

US consumer spending up 0.3% in May

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. consumers spent more in May as their income rose, encouraging signs after a slow start to the year. But spending was weaker in April, February and January than previously esti-

mists said the downward revisions to spending for three of the first four months of the year signal weaker growth in the April-June quarter, which ends this week.

Paul Dales, senior U.S. economist at Capital Economics, said he thinks

sluggish rate of 1.4 percent. Tepid growth could keep the Federal Reserve from scaling back its bond purchases later this year. Chairman Ben Bernanke spooked investors last week when he said the Fed will likely slow its bond-buying this year if the economy continues to strengthen. But Bernanke added that if the economy weakens, the Fed won't hesitate to delay its pullback or even step up its bond purchases again.

The bond purchases have helped keep interest rates low. Dales also noted that the inflation gauge the Fed watches most closely has dropped to a record low of 1.1 percent, well below the Fed's 2 percent target. When inflation falls too low, the Fed normally keeps rates low to try to boost prices.

Economists are hopeful that growth will pick up in the second half of the year, and some recent data have been encouraging. Consumers, benefiting from low inflation, spent more at retail businesses in May, notably for cars,

home improvements and sporting goods.

U.S. factories are fielding more orders. Higher home sales and prices are signaling a steady housing recovery. And employers added 175,000 jobs last month, in line with the average job growth over the past 12 months.

Steady job growth has lowered the unemployment rate to 7.6 percent, down from 10 percent in 2009. And this week the Conference Board said a better job market helped lift Americans' confidence in the economy rose to the highest level in 5½ years.

Still, on Wednesday the government downgraded its estimate for growth in the January-March quarter to a 1.8 percent annual rate, sharply below its previous estimate of a 2.4 percent rate. The main reason for the revision was consumer spent less than initially estimated. Some economists said the revision suggested that an increase in Social Security taxes this year was squeezing consumers more than expected. □



A woman works at an Abercrombie & Fitch store in Chicago. The Commerce Department said Thursday that consumer spending rose 0.3 percent last month, nearly erasing a similar decline in April. Income rose 0.5 percent.

(AP Photo/Nam Y. Huh)

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At the same time, econo-

growth has slowed in the second quarter at an annual rate of just 1.5 percent. That's down from his previous forecast of a 2 percent rate. Economists at Barclays have cut their forecast from an annual rate of 1.8 percent to a

Tremor Video shares edge down in debut

NEW YORK (AP) — Shares of Tremor Video Inc. edged down slightly in their first hours of trading Thursday, after the company raised \$75 million in its initial public offering.

Tremor shares fell 22 cents to \$9.78 in morning trading, after rising as high as \$11.09 and falling as low as \$9.50 earlier in the session. The broader markets were up slightly. Tremor sold 7.5 million shares for \$10 each in its IPO, below an expected range of \$11 to \$13.

It also granted the offering's underwriters — Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC and Jefferies LLC — a 30-day option to buy up to an additional 1.1 million shares, which could raise as much as an additional \$11.3 million.

New York-based Tremor provides an in-stream video ad network for internet-connected devices like

computers, smartphones and tablets. It plans to use proceeds from the offering

for general corporate purposes, including possible acquisitions. The shares are

listed on New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "TRMR." □



Tremor Video CEO Bill Day, joined by members of the company's leadership team, rings the NYSE Opening Bell to mark Tremor Video's IPO and first day of trading on the NYSE.

(Handout Photo)

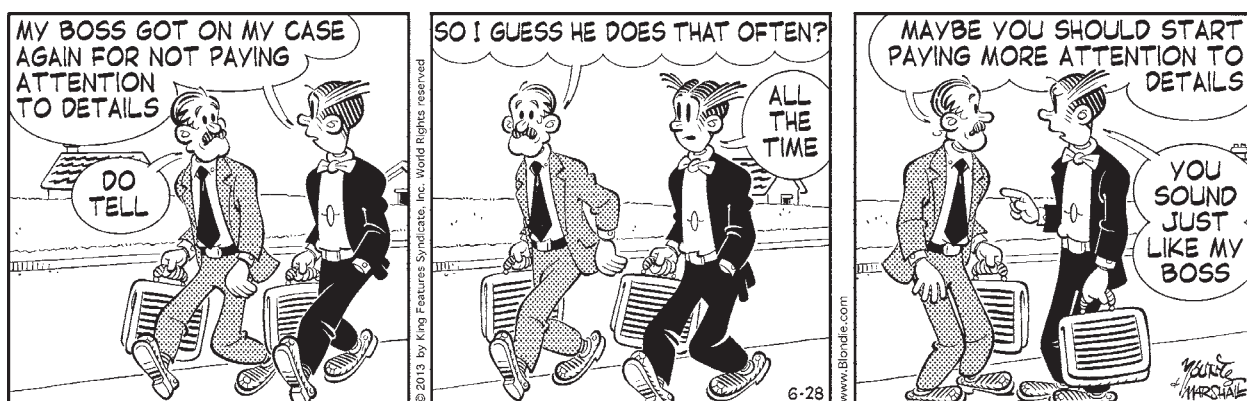
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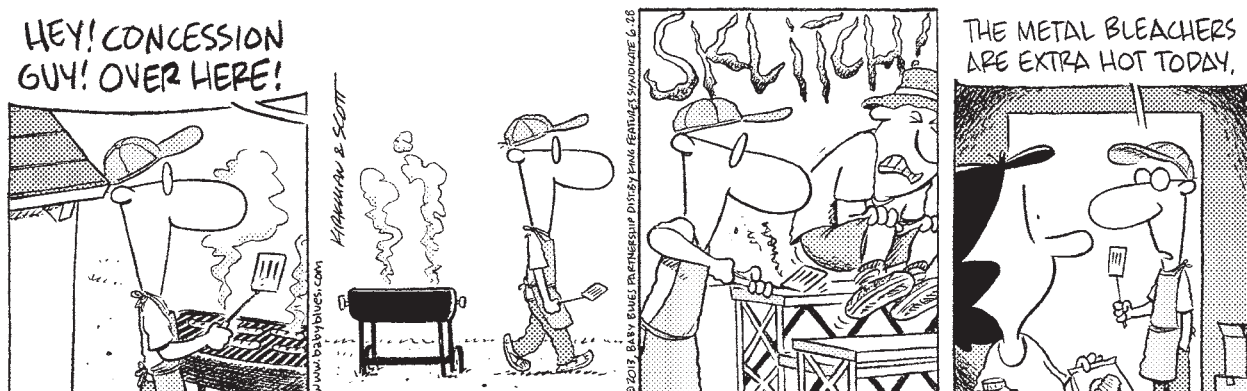
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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- Small number
- Walked the floor
- Nylons
- Gambles
- Superior to
- Man in Eden
- Poison ivy symptom
- Jots down
- Accepted standard
- Most cheaply constructed
- Color of steel
- Small lab bottle
- Actress Lupino
- Bits of parsley
- Worship
- Take ___; put forth effort
- Where cirrhosis strikes
- Hightailed it
- Ladder step
- 2-footed animal
- Flash of lightning
- Pompous fool
- High temperature
- Leg bone
- Adolescent
- Nauseated
- Go wrong
- Hurry
- Uses a straw
- Nonstop
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- Biden, for short
- Small brook
- Tomb
- Pitcher
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- Lawn border trimming tool
- Wild blue yonder

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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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- Equipment for trawling
- Engrave
- Black-and-white bears
- Bubbling away on the stove
- Pigeon coop
- Arden & Plumb
- Fated
- Airplane shelter
- Reason to bathe
- Actress Mia
- TV show award
- Pushing
- Delves
- German article
- "Jack ___ could eat no fat..."
- DVD remote button
- Dishwasher cycle
- Deadly serpent
- Hardly ___; seldom
- Fragrance
- Ankle
- Doorway
- Not taped
- Resent; view disapprovingly
- Colony for buzzing insects

- ___ away; in the distance
- Complain
- Get comfy
- Member of the Friends Church
- Late actor Christopher
- Indian garment
- Wading bird
- Yank
- Intellectual
- Rugged peak
- Latest info
- Computer tech, perhaps
- Use a crowbar

Cavs take Bennett with No. 1 pick in NBA draft

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AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Anthony Bennett became the first Canadian to be the No. 1 pick and Nerlens Noel tumbled out of the top five in a surprising start to Thursday's NBA draft. The Cleveland Cavaliers passed on Noel and Alex Len, who went to Phoenix at No. 5, in favor of the Bennett, a University of Nevada Las Vegas forward who has starred for Canada's junior national teams and was the Mountain West Conference player of the year.

There was suspense right until the end, either because the Cavs were unsure who they wanted or were trying to trade the pick. Most predictions had them taking one of the big men, with Noel largely considered the favorite for the No. 1 choice even after a torn knee ligament that ended his lone college season at Kentucky in February. David Stern, booed heavily in his final draft as commissioner, added to the surprise of the moment by pausing slightly before announcing the Cavs' pick, their first at No. 1 since taking All-Star Kyrie Irving in 2011.

"I'm just as surprised as anyone else," Bennett said. Orlando passed on both of the big men, too, going with Indiana swingman Victor Oladipo with the No. 2 pick. Washington took Otto Porter Jr. with the third pick, keeping the Georgetown star in the D.C. area. Ten years after the Cavaliers selected LeBron James to start a draft that would include his future NBA championship teammates Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh in the top five, this one lacked star power and perhaps even the promise of stardom.

Bennett, Noel and Len are all coming off injuries and couldn't even work out for teams, but the Cavs decided Bennett's shoulder surgery wasn't enough cause for concern.

Len walked up to meet Stern and collect his orange Phoenix Suns hat, then sat down near the

stage to put on the walking boot he needs for the stress fracture of his left ankle that was discovered after Maryland's season.

Noel finally went to New Orleans with the next pick, joining last year's No. 1, Anthony Davis, and giving the Pelicans two terrific defensive players from Kentucky. He didn't seem upset at his fall down the draft board, hugging his mother and shaking hands with Wildcats coach John Calipari. It was a good start to the night for the Hoosiers, with Cody Zeller going two

places after Oladipo to the Charlotte Bobcats.

Kansas guard Ben McLemore, another player who was considered a potential top-three pick, also dropped, going seventh to Sacramento.

Hosting the draft at Barclays Center, the Brooklyn Nets made the biggest news. A person with knowledge of the talks confirmed a Yahoo Sports report that the Nets and Celtics were working on a trade that would bring Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett to Brooklyn. □

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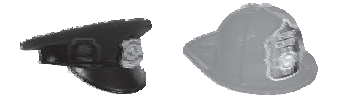
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Clean Air Act reinterpreted, and now up for debate

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With no chance of congressional support, President Barack Obama is staking part of his legacy on a big risk: that he can substantially reduce greenhouse gas emissions by stretching the intent of a law decades old and not written with climate change in mind.

His plan, unveiled Tuesday at Georgetown University in Washington, will set off legal and political battles that will last years.

But experts say that if all goes well for the president, the plan could potentially meet his stated goal of an overall emissions reduction of 17 percent by 2020, compared to the level in 2005.

"If the question is, 'will this solve our emissions problem,' the answer is no," said Michael A. Levi, an energy analyst at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York. "If the question is, 'could this move us along the path we want to be on,' the answer is yes, it could."

In his speech, Obama said he would use executive powers to restrict the amount of carbon dioxide that power plants could emit.

He also called for government spending to promote the development of energy alternatives, and committed to helping cities and states protect themselves from rising seas and other effects of climate change. But, formally, the main thing he did on Tuesday was order the Environmental Protection Agency to devise an emissions control plan, with the first draft due in a year.

Experts say he will be lucky to get a final plan in place by the time he leaves office in early 2017.

Obama is trying to ensure continuation of a trend already under way: emissions in the United States have been falling for several years. But at the global scale, they are rising fast, and as the president acknowledged, it will take much stronger international action to turn that around and head off the worst ef-

fects of climate change.

"For the world at large, the United States is just one piece of the puzzle," Levi said.

Already, glaciers are melting, heat waves and heavy rains are increasing, the food system is under stress and the sea is rising. The best that can be hoped for, scientists say, is to limit the damage, or slow it down enough to give more time to adjust.

The president recognized

but figuring out how to do that within the technical requirements of the law will be a major challenge.

The administration's thinking appears to have been influenced by a proposal from an environmental group, the Natural Resources Defense Council.

The group urged a creative approach, calling on the federal government to set a target level of greenhouse gases for each state, taking account of histori-

greenhouse emissions, to achieve their goals, as California and nine Northeastern states are already doing.

It is unclear how much all this might cost at the retail level.

The Natural Resources Defense Council argues that even if prices go up, electric bills for many consumers could actually decline as their homes were retrofitted to use less energy.

The fossil-fuel industry and

flexible approaches.

While carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere reached a historic level of 400 parts per million last month, emissions from the United States have been falling, partly because of the weak economy but also because of the newfound abundance of natural gas from hydraulic fracturing. Gas has displaced a lot of coal in power generation; such switching cuts greenhouse emissions nearly in



Constellation Energy's coal-fired Brandon Shores power plant in Anne Arundel County, Md. President Barack Obama unveiled his plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on June 25, 2013 at Georgetown University in Washington.

(Shannon Jensen/The New York Times)

that in his plan, calling for more steps to help the country prepare, from strengthening sea walls to hardening the electrical grid.

The heart of Obama's plan, however, is lowering the country's emissions using administrative remedies, an effort to sidestep a recalcitrant Congress.

The success of that goal will depend on how far the administration is able to stretch the boundaries of the Clean Air Act, signed into law by Richard Nixon in 1970.

The Supreme Court has already ruled that it can be used to regulate greenhouse gases, which include carbon dioxide emissions,

cal patterns. A state generating a lot of power from coal, then exporting it to other states, would not be unduly penalized, for instance.

As the environmental group envisions it, states would meet their goals by tweaking the overall electrical system, not just by cracking down on individual power plants. States might urge companies to produce more renewable power, for instance, but they could also retrofit homes and businesses to reduce energy waste, or encourage the use of clean-burning natural gas instead of coal. States would presumably be allowed to use market signals, like a price on

its allies in Congress are certain to argue that the president's plan will be ruinously expensive and require the shutdown of numerous coal-burning power plants. Republican leaders immediately condemned the plan as a job-killer and framed it as an attack on coal.

The political attraction of a state-led approach is that it would move a lot of the nitty-gritty decision making out of Washington. But, for that very reason, it would entail legal risk.

The Clean Air Act, written in the heyday of environmentalism, basically envisions commandments from Washington ordering utilities to clean up the air, not

half for a given amount of electricity produced.

Other factors, like tougher building codes, are contributing to the decline. And transport emissions are falling in part because of one of Obama's policies: tough fuel-efficiency measures for new cars.

But modest reductions already achieved in the United States and other Western countries are being swamped by rising emissions from the East. So the real question is whether technologies can be developed, and then deployed worldwide, that allow for continued economic growth and rising energy use with minimal greenhouse emissions. □

James Gandolfini: A big man and everyman is eulogized

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NEW YORK (AP) — The funeral of James Gandolfini took place in one of the largest churches in the world and didn't stint on ceremony. Still, the estimated 1,500 mourners who gathered

amazed, confused and loving," he summed up, addressing his subject: "You could see it in your eyes. And that's why you are a great actor." Susan Aston, who for decades was Gandolfini's dialogue coach and collaborator, spoke of how he

wrestled to find truth in his performances. "He worked hard," she said. "He was disciplined. He studied his roles and did his homework." But then, when the cameras rolled, his performance took over and, "through an act of faith, he allowed himself to

go to an uncharted place. ... He remained vulnerable, and kept his heart open in his life and in his work." The 51-year-old actor died of a heart attack last week while vacationing with his 13-year-old son in Italy. It was a cruel end to a holiday meant to be part of a summer that Gandolfini was devoting to his family — including his son and his 9-month-old daughter — by even turning down a movie role, according to Aston, citing what she said was her final conversation with him. Aston said he told her "I don't want to lose any of the time I have with Michael and Lily this summer." The actor's widow, Deborah Lin Gandolfini, also spoke at the ceremony, as did longtime friend Thomas Richardson, who affectionately described Gandolfini as a man "who hugged too tight and held too long." But now facing a world without hugs from Gandolfini, Richardson invited the congregation to stand and share hugs with their neighbors. "It is in hugging that we are hugged," he declared.

A private family wake was held for the actor Wednesday in New Jersey. Broadway theaters paid tribute by dimming their lights briefly Wednesday night. Gandolfini was nominated for a Tony Award in 2009 as an actor in "God of Carnage." For Thursday's service, celebrities and fellow actors helped make up the capacity audience. Those from "The Sopranos" included Edie Falco, Joe Pantoliano, Dominic Chianese, Steve Schirripa, Aida Turturro, Vincent Curatola, Tony Sirico, Lorraine Bracco, Steve Buscemi and Michael Imperioli. Others from the entertainment community included Julianna Margulies, Alec Baldwin, Chris Noth, Marcia Gay Harden, Dick Cavett and Steve Carell. NBC News' Brian Williams was in attendance. So was New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie. So was Saul Stein, 60, a resident of Harlem. "I came to pay my respects today because he's a character I identify with, a family man," Stein said as he waited in line outside the church. □



HBO CEO Richard Plepler, center, and David Chase, center right, producer of "The Sopranos", walk out of Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine after funeral services for actor James Gandolfini, Thursday, June 27, 2013, in New York. Gandolfini, who played Tony Soprano in the hit HBO show, died while vacationing in Italy last week. (AP Photo/Julio Cortez)

Thursday in New York's Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine seemed part of an intimate affair. They came to pay their respects to a plain but complex man whose sudden death eight days before had left all of them feeling a loss. During the service, Gandolfini was remembered by the creator of "The Sopranos" as an actor who had brought a key element to mob boss Tony Soprano: Tony's inner child-like quality. For a man who, in so many ways, was an unrepentant brute, that underlying purity was what gave viewers permission to love him. "You brought ALL of that to it," said David Chase in remarks he delivered as if an open letter to his fallen friend and "Sopranos" star. Even though Gandolfini was indisputably a formidable man both on and off the screen, Chase also saw him as a boy — "sad,

Target cuts ties with Deen; book sales soar

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NEW YORK (AP) — Paula Deen's merchandise and media empire is fast unraveling. Retailers Target Corp. and Home Depot Inc. and diabetes drug maker Novo Nordisk became the latest companies to sever ties or distance themselves from celebrity cook Paula Deen as fallout builds from revelations that the Southern celebrity chef used racial slurs in the past. Target said Thursday that it will phase out its Paula Deen-branded cookware and other items, which were sold on its website and in its stores. "Once the merchandise is sold out, we will not be replenishing inventory," said Molly Snyder, a Target spokeswoman. Amid the losses, book-buy-

ers are standing by Deen. As of Thursday morning, "Paula Deen's New Testament: 250 Recipes, All Lightened Up," ranked No.



Celebrity chef Paula Deen poses for a portrait in New York. (AP Photo/Carlo Allegri) 1 on Amazon.com. The book is scheduled for October. Another Deen book, "Paula Deen's Southern Cooking Bible," was at No. 13. Several other Deen

books were out of stock. Home Depot, which sold Paula Deen-branded cookware and kitchen products only online, said it pulled the products off its website on Wednesday. Diabetes drug maker Novo Nordisk said Thursday it and Deen have "mutually agreed to suspend our patient education activities for now." The developments are the latest blow to Deen's business. Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest retailer, said Wednesday that it's also cutting ties with Deen. The world's largest retailer currently carries a variety of products under her moniker, including food items, cookware and health and wellness products, at all of its 4,000 U.S. namesake stores. The retailer began selling her merchandise

several years ago. Wal-Mart said it will not place any new orders beyond what's already committed and is working with suppliers to address existing inventories and agreements. Meanwhile, Paula Deen's name is being stripped from four buffet restaurants owned by Caesars Entertainment. Caesars said Wednesday that its decision to rebrand its restaurants in several U.S. states was a mutual one with Deen. Last week, the Food Network said that it would not renew the celebrity cook's contract. And on Monday, pork producer Smithfield Foods said it was dropping her as a spokeswoman. Smithfield sold Paula Deen-branded hams in addition to featuring her as a spokeswoman. □

Lone Ranger's Hammer now a leading man

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — If it weren't for the movie "Home Alone," Armie Hammer might not be starring in "The Lone Ranger." Seeing the 1990 Macaulay Culkin hit inspired Hammer to become an actor. "I had a dream that night that I was the kid in the house with the blowtorch and all that stuff and thinking, 'This is awesome! I love acting!'" said Hammer, recalling the thoughts of his

spotlight with his first bona fide leading-man role.

"It's like I can't believe I've been this lucky," Hammer says with a sincerity belied by his football-captain good looks.

Though he auditioned for the part several times, director Gore Verbinski knew immediately he'd found his Lone Ranger.

"When I first met him, I just knew he was the guy," said Verbinski, who likened Hammer to "somebody who's a little out-of-time,

friend (and inspired) the crew and hung out with his world-famous co-star.

"He's just the nicest dude," he said of Depp, "and I was so amazed at how normal the guy is."

Hammer exudes an engaged optimism that Verbinski said permeated the set, and even shows in an empty conference room at Hammer's publicist's office during a brief stop on a worldwide press tour to promote the film.

"I'm convinced I've hit the



This publicity image released by Disney shows Johnny Depp as Tonto, left, and Armie Hammer as The Lone Ranger, in a scene from "The Lone Ranger," opening July 3, 2013.

(AP Photo/Peter Mountain)

11-year-old self. "I knew this was for me. It was the only thing I wanted to do." He convinced his parents to let him quit high school to pursue his dream, and now the 26-year-old actor is playing one of the most revered American characters in a big-budget blockbuster starring Johnny Depp.

After a bumpy start that included a brief return to school, he already counts Clint Eastwood, Leonardo DiCaprio, Julia Roberts and David Fincher among his past collaborators. Hammer gained notice playing the Winklevoss twins in 2010's celebrated "The Social Network." Then he earned a Screen Actors Guild Award nomination for his supporting role in 2011's "J. Edgar." But with "The Lone Ranger," the actor steps squarely into the

like seeing Gary Cooper walk into a supermarket or something."

"He's like this classical leading man, and that's not to say that he isn't contemporary," the director continued. "Armie's tall, handsome, and genuine, and who doesn't want to throw that into a meat grinder?" Hammer plays lawman John Reid and Depp is Tonto in this origin story of how the Lone Ranger came to wear his mask. To prepare for the role, Hammer spent months immersed in all the "Lone Ranger" radio and TV episodes and books he could find, and perfected his gunslinging and horse-riding skills at a three-week "cowboy camp."

He traveled the American Southwest shooting the film for the better part of a year, during which he be-

pinnacle in terms of experiences while making a movie," Hammer beamed. "This was the best crew I have ever worked with, best actors, best everything, and we shot in the most amazing locations." He's still getting the hang of globe-trotting promotions, though, and says he's not looking forward to the fame likely to come with the film's July 3 opening. Hammer enjoys walking in his neighborhood without much notice. But he has appeared on a few magazine covers, and his face looms large on billboards all over the city.

"Fortunately, though — I'm kind of relying on this — I'm wearing masks in so much of the advertising and stuff, so that it's probably not like, 'Hey, that's the guy,'" he said. "I'm not excited about (the fame). □

The World Turns for Mad Men

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It was a far, far better thing that he did than he could have done.

In this week's finale of Season 6 of "Mad Men," the alcoholic, debauched Don Draper (Jon Hamm) sacrificed himself so that a better man could take his place. That was a Sydney Carton-like act of selflessness turned upside down. Don allowed his opposite number and better self, Ted (Kevin Rahm), to take the Sunkist job in Los Angeles. The Carton in this take on "A Tale of Two Cities" doesn't make it possible for the other man to get the girl, but to give up that girl: the move means that Ted will put a continent between himself and his mistress, Peggy (Elisabeth Moss), to avoid destroying his wife and children. Don, who grabbed at the opportunity to start over in California, knows he has already destroyed his own family, and gives Ted the second chance in his stead.

It was a bitter, late-'60s twist on Dickens' famous story of look-alikes switching places at the guillotine, and by now it is somewhat to be expected that the allusion is laid out elliptically. It was a previous episode, the one in which Don gets high in Los Angeles and hallucinates his own death, that was labeled "A Tale of Two Cities."

This season, which is the penultimate one in a series that spans the 1960s, from the end of the Eisenhower administration to Nixon, was at war with itself.

The show is a literary-minded work (Don in the season premiere was reading Dante's "Inferno" on a Hawaiian beach; another episode was titled "The Quality of Mercy," a reference to "The Merchant of Venice"). Yet Season 6 couldn't resist the less exalted approach of soap opera. The most apt echo wasn't Dickens or Shakespeare but "To Have and to Hold," the show's fictional daytime melodrama in which Megan (Jessica Paré) played the role of

twins.

The distinguishing mark of a soap opera isn't that outlandish things happen, it's that they keep happening: evil twins reappear; dead husbands come back to life; people keep coming down with amnesia. Even the best shows lose some creative energy over time. On Season 6 of "Mad Men," life-altering moments kept repeating themselves. Don's young daughter, Sally (Kiernan Shipka), walked in on her step-grandmother having sex with Roger (John Slattery) in Season 5; in Season 6 she walked in on her father having sex with his neighbor's wife, Sylvia (Linda Cardellini).

In Season 6 Roger's elderly mother died, and he gave his daughter her grandmother's jar of baptismal water from the Jordan River. Later, the elderly mother of Pete (Vincent Kartheiser) died: she was lost at sea — having fallen or having been pushed over the side of a cruise ship. Don is an impostor living under an assumed identity. It turns out that the unctuous people-pleaser Bob (James Wolk) is also an impostor living under an assumed identity. All that gothic melodrama squeezed some of the fun out of "Mad Men."

One of the more disappointing aspects of the season has been that so much of it was joyless. The '60s did turn bleaker, as that period's early optimism faded into violence and rebellion, but advertising was still in its heyday at the end of the decade.

The show's creators may be as dispirited as their main characters: 2012 was the first year since the show's premiere that it was shut out of all the major Emmy Awards. That made all those "For Your Consideration, Emmy 2013" spots, aimed at academy voters, seem all the more desperate. The season finale wisely stripped Don of all his commitments: Megan stormed out of the apartment; his partners have forced him to go on leave. Next season, Don can keep tumbling further into oblivion, or rise anew. □

Et Tu, Bernanke?



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For the most part, Ben Bernanke and his colleagues at the Federal Reserve have been good guys in these troubled economic times. They have tried to boost the economy even as most of Washington seemingly either forgot about the jobless, or decided that the best way to cure unemployment was to intensify the suffering of the unemployed. You can argue - and I would - that the Fed's activism, while welcome, isn't enough, and that it should be doing even more. But at least it didn't lose sight of what's really important. Until now.

Lately, Fed officials have been issuing increasingly strong hints that rather than doing more, they want to do less, that they are eager to start "tapering," returning to normal monetary policy. The impression that the Fed is tired of trying so hard got even stronger last week, after a news conference in which Bernanke seemed quite happy to reinforce the message of an imminent reduction in stimulus.

The trouble is that this is very much the wrong signal to be sending given the state of the economy.

We're still very much living through what amounts to a low-grade depression - and the Fed's bad messaging reduces the chances that we're going to exit that depression any time soon.

The first thing you need to understand is how far we remain from full employment four years after the official end of the 2007-09 recession. It's true that measured unemployment is down - but that mainly reflects a decline in the number of people actively seeking jobs, rather than an increase in job availability. Look, for example, at the fraction of adults in their prime working years (25 to 54) who have jobs; that ratio fell from 80 to 75 percent in the recession, and has since recovered only to 76 percent.

Given this grim reality - plus very low inflation - you have to wonder why the Fed is talking at all about reducing its efforts on the economy's behalf.

Still, it's just talk, right? Well, yes - but what the Fed says often matters as much as or more than what it does.

This is inherent in the relationship between what the Fed more or less directly controls, namely short-term interest rates, and longer-term rates, which reflect expected as well as current short-

term rates.

Even if the Fed leaves short rates unchanged for now, statements that convince investors that these rates will be going up sooner rather than later will cause long rates to rise. And because long rates are what mainly matter for private spending, this will weaken growth and employment.

Sure enough, rates have shot up since the tapering talk started. Two months ago the benchmark interest rate on 10-year U.S. government bonds was only 1.7 percent, close to a historic low. Since then the rate has risen to 2.4 percent - still low by normal standards, but, as I said, this isn't a normal economy.

Maybe the economic recovery will, as the Fed predicts, continue and strengthen despite that rise in rates.

But maybe not, and in any case higher rates will surely mean a slower recovery than we would have had if Fed officials had avoided all that talk of tapering. Fed officials surely understand all of this. So what do they think they're doing?

One answer might be that the Fed has quietly come to agree with critics who argue that its easy-money policies are having damaging side-effects, say by increasing the risk of bubbles. But I hope that's not true, since whatever damage low rates may do is trivial compared with the damage higher rates, and the resulting rise in unemployment, would inflict.

In any case, my guess is that what's really happening is a bit different: Fed officials are, consciously or not, responding to political pressure.

After all, ever since the Fed began its policy of aggressive monetary stimulus, it has faced angry accusations from the right that it is "debasing" the dollar and setting the stage for high inflation - accusations that haven't been retracted even though the dollar has remained strong and inflation has remained low.

It's hard to avoid the suspicion that Fed officials, worn down by the constant attacks, have been looking for a reason to slacken their efforts, and have seized on slightly better economic news as an excuse.

And maybe they'll get away with it; maybe the economic recovery will strengthen and all will be well. But rising interest rates make that happy outcome less likely. And now that everyone knows that the Fed is eager to slacken off, it will be hard to get interest rates back down to where they were.

It's sad and depressing, in both senses of the word. The fundamental reason our economy is still depressed after all these years is that so many policymakers lost the thread, forgetting that job creation was their most urgent task.

Until now the Fed was an exception; but now it seems to be joining the club. Et tu, Ben? □



Paula's Worst Ingredients



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Paula Deen is where sass meets crass, where the homespun and folksy curdle into something with a sour aftertaste.

Her manner may be as sugary as her cooking, her smile as big as the hams she hawked for Smithfield. But she doesn't pause when she should. Doesn't question herself when she must.

There's a dearth of reflection, a deficit of introspection, and that's not just a generational thing and not just a regional thing, as some of her fans and other observers have begun to assert, unprepared to surrender their image of Paula the Southern Eccentric to the reality of Paula the Deep-Fried Boor.

It's a judgment thing. A sensitivity thing. It's what happens when your shtick proves as golden as hers and your world is larded with handlers who only say "yes" and fans who only say "more." You don't think anybody could possibly see anything untoward in you. So you stop looking for, adjusting to, and correcting the untoward impulses that are in every last one of us.

A fresh illustration of this traveled through cyberspace Monday, a video that shows Deen at The New York Times in October, being interviewed onstage by my

colleague Kim Severson. The subject of race comes up.

"I feel like the South is almost less prejudiced," Deen says, "because black folks played such an integral part in our lives. They were like our family."

That statement alone is awkward - she's referring to servants, presumably - but she doesn't stop there. Motivating to the inky backdrop behind her and Severson, she notes that her beloved driver, bodyguard and assistant, Hollis Johnson, is as "black as that board."

"Come out here, Hollis," she adds, looking offstage and directing the audience's attention there. "We can't see you standing against that dark board."

That's a lot of apparent focus on skin color, in a vein so breezy it really does make you wonder, especially given what that creepy deposition brought to light last week. She admitted having used "the n-word," more than once. She admitted finding beauty in a "plantation-style wedding" with an all-black wait staff. From her butter to her banter, she's a Confederate caricature, and a reminder of a past that's still too present.

Just how far have we trekked on our long road toward a more colorblind, equitable society? Just how hurtfully do we still stumble? Such questions are prominent this week, with the Supreme Court sidestepping an affirmative-action decision and testimony in the Trayvon Martin case set to begin. We're once again taking stock. And it's this backdrop that's relevant to Deen's firing by the Food Network and, Monday, by Smithfield Foods. In a world of pervasive insult and elusive consensus, she provided a discrete opportunity for a line to be drawn. She served up a teachable moment on a platter.

There's almost always a larger context like that when someone falls as spectacularly as Deen has fallen, and there's almost always a prelude: a first strike.

Hers was in early 2012. That's when she lost the benefit of the doubt, not racially but in terms of her character, by revealing that she had been diagnosed three years earlier with Type 2 diabetes, which is abetted by the calorie bombs on which her empire thrived.

This disclosure was timed not to benefit her fans, who were continuing to follow her fatty counsel, but to benefit her: one of her sons had a new healthy-cooking show that needed promoting, and she herself was stepping out as a spokeswoman - a paid spokeswoman - for a diabetes drug.

What's more, the triumphant cynicism of this situation seemed lost on her. She beamed as always. Was saucy as ever. You knew then that she had levitated to some altitude where she felt above reproach; that her investment in the bacon-wrapped burlesque of Paula Inc., trumped a healthy conscience; and that self-examination was a condiment gone from her larder. And it's through the lens of that knowledge that many Americans responded to her deposition and questioned what was in her heart.

Others have urged clemency, noting that she's 66 years old and has lived her life far south of the Mason-Dixon line.

Please. All of her adult years post-date the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and she's a citizen of the world, traveling wide and far to peddle her wares. If she can leave Georgia for the sake of commerce, she can leave Georgia in the realm of consciousness.

Beyond which, people can change, growing past wrongful ways in the name of what's right. We pass new laws. We adopt new language. That's the recipe for progress: putting justice ahead of habit, principle over precedent.

It's not one that's been mastered by Deen, whose worst ingredient isn't corn syrup or Crisco but willful obtuseness. □

Player charged with killing is investigated in two others

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Aaron Hernandez, who was charged with murder Wednesday, is also being investigated as the possible gunman in a double homicide in Boston in 2012, according to a law enforcement official. A second law enforcement official confirmed that Hernandez, the former NFL tight end, has been connected to the homicides, which occurred after a fight in a Boston nightclub. The twin killing at a city intersection early one morning last July has remained unsolved. Police knew that Hernandez had been in the nightclub called Cure that night but considered his presence of no significance.

"They knew he was in there," the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation is continuing, said of the club. "But it was thought that he was just a sports star at the bar."

When Hernandez was linked last week to the killing of Odin Lloyd, a 27-year-old Boston semi-professional football player, Boston police decided to take another look at his possible role in last year's killings.

Further investigation led police to tie Hernandez to that killing, said the official, who declined to discuss any evidence in the case. The official said that Hernandez is believed to have fired the shots that killed the two men, Daniel Abreu, 29, and Safiro Furtado, 28.

The fight inside the club took place between Abreu and Furtado and a group of men that police have now been told included Hernandez.

Abreu and Furtado left the club with three other men in a BMW sedan. Abreu, who was driving, came to a stop at a traffic light when an SUV with Rhode Island license plates pulled alongside. The BMW was then sprayed with gunfire, which killed Abreu and Furtado. The three other

men in the car survived. No suspects were identified, but Boston police never closed the investigation. The killings took place about a week before Hernandez reported to the New England Patriots' 2012 training camp. The next month, the team gave

murder and five gun-related offenses in Attleboro District Court in Massachusetts in connection with the June 17 murder of Lloyd, whose body was found in a secluded section of an industrial park that is less than a mile from Hernandez's home in North Attle-

tors were exploring a possible connection between the two cases that could explain a possible motive for the Lloyd killing. The person said investigators were examining the possibility that Lloyd was killed because he had information about Hernandez's

developments Thursday concerning Hernandez, who was released by the Patriots after his arrest Wednesday.

In a bail review court hearing, the prosecutor William McCauley revealed that additional search warrants had discovered .45-caliber bullets in a condominium Hernandez rented and in a car linked to him. While the weapon in the Lloyd case has not been found, prosecutors have said that Lloyd was killed with a .45-caliber handgun.

Hernandez's lawyers were hoping to have bail set with conditions such as a GPS monitoring bracelet, \$250,000 cash bond and house arrest. James Sultan, a lawyer for Hernandez, also called the prosecution's depiction of Hernandez's role in Lloyd's murder "their theory."

He added that he looked forward to testing the quality of the prosecution's evidence. In denying the bail request, Bristol Superior Court Judge Renee Dupuis said Hernandez should remain imprisoned and called the case against him, "circumstantial to be sure, but a very, very strong circumstantial case."

The judge added, pointing toward Hernandez, "The facts as I understand them, as presented to me, is that this gentlemen, either by himself or with two other people who he requested come to the commonwealth, basically in cold-blooded fashion killed someone because that person disrespected him."

"He has the means to flee, and a bracelet would not stop him, nor would \$250,000."

Wednesday night in Connecticut, a second man was arrested in connection with the Lloyd murder.

Carlos Ortiz, 27, from Bristol, Conn., Hernandez's hometown, was arrested Wednesday and charged with carrying a firearm without a license. In court papers unsealed Thursday, police said Ortiz admitted he was armed while in North Attleborough on the day Lloyd was murdered. □



Former New England Patriots tight end Aaron Hernandez enters a courtroom for a bail hearing in Fall River Superior Court in Fall River, Mass., June 27, 2013. Hernandez has been charged with murder along with several gun-related charges and is also being investigated in connection with a double homicide in Boston in 2012, according to two law enforcement officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

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him a \$40 million contract extension. Hernandez appeared in 10 games last season and had five touchdowns.

On Wednesday, Hernandez, 23, was charged with

borough, Mass.

Hernandez pleaded not guilty and was held without bail. On the murder charge, he faces a life sentence without parole.

One official said investiga-

involvement in the 2012 double homicide, but cautioned that was somewhat speculative at this point.

The potential connection to another lethal crime was just one of several de-